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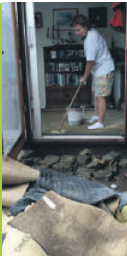
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More embarrassment for authority's bosses
as former HR boss tells tribunal her story:

'COUNCILLORS USED TO OGLE WOMEN STAFF'

SWALE council is run by a clique of senior officers who conspired to get the last chief executive sacked, an employment tribunal heard this week.

That was the testimony of former head of human resources Janet Mason, who is pursuing a claim of unfair dismissal, breach of contract and sex discrimination against the council.

Mrs Mason, from Iwade, alleges she was fired last year because she refused to give details of her boss

■ BY YOURSWALE REPORTER

Mark Bilsborough's contract to a group of senior officers trying to force out the council chief.

Mrs Mason described to an employment tribunal in Ashford how she found herself in the middle of a battle between Mr Bilsborough, who planned to merge council departments, and senior officers worried they would be made redundant.

After she refused to give them permission to look at Mr Bilsborough's contract, she says they went through

her files while she was on holiday.

Mrs Mason said: "I made it plain I didn't want to be part of their covert activities. After that I noticed other senior officers didn't come near me. I felt on the periphery of an exclusive male club."

She said some senior officers were constantly looking for "fresh dirt" to throw at Mr Bilsborough.

"There was a concerted effort to oust him from his post," she added.

Such was the pressure, Mrs Mason felt physically sick before coming to work. She said: "I found myself in

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**'A BOYS CLUB RUNS
OUR COUNCIL' SAYS
BATTLING JANET**

Janet Mason, former head of human resources at Swale council, who has taken the authority to an industrial tribunal claiming unfair dismissal, breach of contract and sex discrimination.



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DIRTY: Burgate Bakery in Faversham was visited by environmental health officers several times

Unsavoury hygiene at town bakery

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

A BAKERY has been fined more than £7,000 for breaching food hygiene regulations.

Burgate Bakery was prosecuted by Swale council after inspectors claimed the company's shop in East Street, Faversham, was dirty and in a poor state of repair.

They also found that hot water was not working on three separate occasions.

Bakery owner Dave Smith said customer safety was always at the forefront of his mind, but staffing and communication problems had meant the issues had gone unnoticed until it was too late.

He said: "As our customers are aware, there are a few of the staff in East Street that have not conducted themselves amicably, often with their duties coming second place to their social activities and conversations."

"The conduct by those few staff has resulted in a lax approach to general husbandry cleaning."

"Subsequently, following visits by the health officer, the bakery main office had been mis-informed of the instructions issued by the health officers, and their concerns, and so the

shop fell into trouble."

On February 13 environmental health officers visited and said they found it dirty and in a poor state of repair including dirty walls, floors and ceiling, and dirty racking used for storing loaves. The hot water was not working to the sink and hand basins.

Further visits to the premises on May 12 and July 10 revealed the hot water was not working again, although Mr Smith says the heater was replaced three times because of mechanical issues beyond his control.

He said: "As the manager of the business, I cannot be everywhere at once. I rely on staff members carrying out my instructions."

"We have revised all cleaning schedules in the shops, made staff changes, and put in place an area shop manager to oversee the cleaning and running of the shops. Regarding the water heater and decorations, all are being or have been sorted and improved."

"Everyone at Burgate Bakery is deeply sorry for any lack of confidence that we may have put on our customers. We aim to give the best every day and we will try harder."

Burgate Bakery Ltd of Bridge, near Canterbury, was fined £7,250 plus costs, by Sittingbourne magistrates on Monday, July 14.

Take a share in singer's future

SINGER Laura Warwick is inviting more people to share in her success as part of her innovative public record label scheme.

Miss Warwick, 20, decided she didn't want to wait to be picked up by an established label, and after recording several songs at a home studio run by musical collaborator Dave Boulden, she decided to take the initiative and get backing herself.

She advertised on her MySpace site for shareholders to come forward and invest in the project, with the promise of profits if her career takes off.

Owning shares also gives people some creative control over certain decisions such as artwork and even what songs to include on albums.

The shareholders are kept informed by an email list, sending replies which are then collated and acted on.

Shares are £5 each, and shareholders receive a digital copy of the completed album, with bonus tracks, a ticket to the album release party, and of course, a share in the profits in the form of a dividend payout in April 2010. For more information go to www.myspace.com/laurawarwick.

Tagger learns to clean up his act

AN 18-year-old graffiti vandal is being taught to clean up after being caught by police and admitting responsibility.

The teenager was spotted by Faversham neighbourhood Sergeant Dave Smith and local police community support officer Karen Johnson causing damage and owned up to nine 'tags' in the area.

Sgt Smith said: "Getting this teenager to clean up his own handiwork was the perfect way to make him realise the effect his actions have had on the local area."

"Graffiti vandals often have no regard for the property they are damaging but this particular artist won't be putting his mark on Teynham or Lynsted again any time soon."

The 18-year-old also received a caution for causing criminal damage.

Home-grown beer

IT MIGHT be Belgian in name and style, but Shepherd Neame's newest brew is a true Faversham beer.

Created for the Flavours of Faversham food and drink festival last weekend, Faversham Kriek is a continental-style cherry beer fermented with a mixture of cherries from the National Fruit Collection at Brogdale Farm, and from the garden of The Anchor pub in Faversham.

The name is a pun on Faversham Creek, the waterway that links the town with the open sea.



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Organ pipes theft is tip of scrap iceberg

Dealer says police should let them help spot metals

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

THE organ pipes stolen from St Laurence's church near Faversham have not been recovered, and in the face of rising metal thefts in Swale, scrap merchants say police are not doing enough to help them identify dodgy goods.

A local metal dealer, who asked not to be identified, told Yourswale there is no real co-ordination between the trade and police when it comes to identifying stolen goods.

He said: "We don't want to see church roofs being ripped off and don't condone what's going on, but we are witnessing what was once a lovely relationship with the police being destroyed."

"If there were a local, dedicated member of staff – not necessarily a police officer – that could feed out information it would be a damn sight more helpful, rather than their high-handed approach at the moment."

"Because of all the publicity there's a purge of scrap metal yards and the police go through purchase books, to check for names and addresses."

He said that police are more reactive than proactive and do not disseminate information about stolen goods quick enough, and metal



DESECRATION: The Reverend Arthur Skinner in front of St Laurence's Church in Leaveland, near Faversham

dealers were often vilified for unwittingly handling stolen goods.

The source, who has a long history in the trade, said that metal dealers would know what to look for even if the metal has been altered to disguise its origins.

He said: "There's a lot of merchants who really try hard, who feel more vulnerable and that we're being segregated as the 'bad guys'."

The rise in the value of lead, copper and other raw materials has led to a series of break-ins across the district and other parts of Kent.

St Laurence's church in Leaveland was broken into and 47 of its lead organ pipes were stolen, which would cost £10,000 to replace but are worth a mere £50 in scrap.

Swale borough commander Chief Inspector

Tony Henley said: "The national problem of metal and lead thefts has not escaped Swale. However, we are tackling the issue in a number of forward thinking ways."

"This includes carrying out regular site visits to scrap metal yards and also stop checking vehicles. As well as this, we are trying to inform the public about how to prevent their metal and lead being stolen."

"In addition to our day to day work, we're also planning a number of police operations over the next few months which we hope will net us some good intelligence and arrests concerning these type of thefts in the area."

Anyone with information relating to metal and lead theft is urged to contact police on 01795 477055.

Weatherman to steam into town to open model railway event

WEATHERMAN Nick Miller will open the annual model railway exhibition at the Alexander Centre this Saturday.

Mr Miller, who works for the BBC, will appear at the sixth annual exhibition organised by the Kent Group of the G Scale Society which will feature six large-scale model railways, including several Faversham favourites.

The model trains will be powered by electricity, battery and live steam, representing full-size trains not only from Britain, but also Austria, Germany and the US.

The model railway show is on at The Alexandre Centre, Faversham, on Saturday, July 26.

It is open from 10am to 4pm. Entrance is £2.50 for adults and 50p for accompanied children. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available.

For further information visit www.gscaleskent.co.uk.

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Julie Maddocks visits Faversham Food Festival. Search 'food'

Constantly stared at claims head

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tears and I wasn't functioning properly at home. I felt I was being set up and hung out to dry. I felt certain people were just waiting to pounce on me.

"Their dislike of the chief executive was all too apparent."

She told the tribunal she had worked at Swale council for more than 20 years, but in the last three months of her time there felt under constant stress.

Mrs Mason said she was left out of conversations. Some officers and councillors used to ogle female employees, she added.

Women staff stopped wearing clothes they thought might be too revealing, as they were constantly being stared at.

Mrs Mason said: "They constantly used sexual innuendo."

Mr Bilsborough was suspended on full pay by Swale council while on holiday in December 2006.

He was put on gardening leave until April when a closed meeting of the council sacked him.

Mrs Mason was suspended in January 2007. The tribunal was adjourned until October 8.

Villagers told they must wait again for polytunnel decision

CAMPAIGNERS against the controversial polytunnel development near Hernhill have again been left waiting as the decision has been deferred for a second time.

The plans would see large plastic covers, potentially more than five metres high and 8 metres wide, erected in a 27-hectare field bordering the Thanet Way for up to eight months of the year.

The decision to further delay the vote has been made to allow the Environment Agency to submit a report into flooding and drainage on the site.

Villagers living nearby argue the development is an eyesore, and brings little advantage to the community as the company running the plantation employs immigrant workers and not local people.

But despite more than 22 people objecting to the plans, including ex-boxer Barry McGuigan, the scheme was recommended for approval, and



CAMPAIGN: Barry McGuigan is ready to fight the plans for a large polytunnel development near his home in Dargate, close to Hernhill

could have been passed at a meeting on Thursday, July 17.

A site meeting was held on July 7, and planners argue the site is well screened and claim the development is a justified agricultural use for the field.

A date has not yet been set for the planning meeting at which the final decision will be made.

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NEWS IN BRIEFCeremony in honour of
WWI fighter ace 'Mick'

BRITAIN'S top World War One flying ace will be remembered at West Gate Towers in a commemoration day on the anniversary of his death in action over the Western Front.

Major Edward Corringham 'Mick' Mannock, who was brought up in Canterbury, shot down 61 German planes, more than any other British pilot.

The anniversary, on Saturday, is being commemorated in World War One Fighter Ace, a special family event at the towers, and also in a separate wreath-laying ceremony at Canterbury Cathedral at 11am.

Man charged with drink
driving after flipping van

A VAN crash in Whitstable has led to a drink driving charge for an Aylesbury motorist.

Police were called to a report that a van had turned on to its side near the Whitstable slip road off the A299 Thanet Way at 5am on Saturday, July 12.

Officers arrested the driver, Karl Pemble, 35, of Bracken Way, Aylesbury, who is due to appear before magistrates in Canterbury on July 30 charged with drink driving.

The van was the only vehicle involved and there were no injuries.

Police to pounce on dog
owners who fail to scoop

IRRESPONSIBLE dog owners are being targeted by police and council officers in Canterbury's parks.

Joint patrols by the police community support officer for open spaces and council staff have resulted in four enforcement notices being issued to dog owners warning them they will be fined if they do not keep their pets on leads where this is specified in parks.

Environmental issues and litter have been listed by the joint groups called Partners and Communities Together as among the top ten priorities they want addressed in their communities.

Urban skillz sessions to
give festival street cred

A FREE urban arts and street culture event will return to this year's Herne Bay Festival.

Freestylin' @ The Bay will give young people aged 13-19 the chance to learn skills such as R&B singing, beatbox and street dancing with professional artists, from Monday 18 to Friday, August 22.

Everyone involved will have the chance to show off their newly-acquired skills to the audience on the last day of the festival.

Visit www.hernebayfestival.co.uk for more information.

Beer festival aled
a massive success

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

SIX thousand people flocked to the increasingly popular Kent Beer Festival at Merton Farm near Canterbury last weekend.

Organisers say this has been the most popular festival so far, with tickets for Friday night selling out at the beginning of July – the earliest ever. The event was so popular that cask ales ran out on Saturday afternoon, the final day of the three-day event.

Spokesperson Mary Galliers said: "It went very well indeed. We had some different bands this year, which were quite popular."

Atmosphere

The festival, held by the Campaign for Real Ale, boasted over 130 British beers, as well as ciders and perry. There were almost 50 beers from the ten Kent breweries, with smaller brands such as Hopdaemon represented alongside large brewers like Shepherd Neame.

Festival-goer Stephan Wasserman-Fry said: "The beer festival is amazing. It has a nice atmosphere and is the quintessential Canterbury experience. It is country life juxtaposed with the British weather."

"My favourite beer is Weihenstephaner – the oldest beer in the world. The brewery was founded in 1040."

There were a number of novelty beers at the festival this year, including espresso beer, cherry beer and ginger beer.



WHAT'S YOUR POISON? More than 130 British beers, with names such as Skullsplitter, were supped by festival goers

Those with novelty names rather than novelty tastes proved the most popular. Bartender Hugh Bird said: "Skullsplitter was very popular. Last Rites was the legendary one, at 11 percent. A crowd of people gather round asking what it is like."

The festival boasted an eclectic musical line-up, as well as morris dancers, children's entertainment and even archery.

This is the beer festival's 34th year, making it the second oldest beer festival in the country.

Festival organiser Gill Keay said: "The Kent beer festival is the highlight of the summer for

our many regulars but we always welcome new visitors and tourists too. Tasting notes are provided to encourage people to try different beers."

The festival promotes Kent's beers, and is run by volunteer members of the Campaign for Real Ale. Profits go to their headquarters, and are used in campaigns to protect and promote real ale.

Campaign for Real Ale volunteer, James Lamb, said: "The festival is full of good people, nice people. There is fantastic free beer if you are working. More people should volunteer because it's a really good atmosphere."

Singers shine light on
30mph road campaign

THE Streetlight Singers serenaded Whitefriars shoppers on Friday in a bid to cut speeding on our roads.

As part of the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership's (KMSCP) 'Streetlights mean 30' campaign, the trio of singers – all dressed in 9ft streetlight costumes – performed a specially composed song to raise awareness of the speed limit in built-up areas.

Other members of the team handed out free flashlight key rings and provided the public with information

dispelling any myths and reminding the public that streetlights by the road means the limit is 30mph – unless stated otherwise.

One of the team taking to the streets said: "The launch was a great success and caused quite a stir on the day."

"Some members of the public did admit to not knowing the rule but will remember it now thanks to the Streetlight Singers."

• For more information about the campaign log on to www.kmscp.org.

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WISH COME TRUE: Alex Wellard meets the cast of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang during his visit to Cardiff

Truly Scrumptious day out for young leukaemia sufferer

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

A BOY fighting leukaemia has had his wish come true after he was whisked off to meet the stars of hit musical Chitty Bang Bang.

Alex Wellard, 9, of Manor Close, Herne Bay, was a massive fan of the popular movie version of the tale, so his family wrote to the Make-A-Wish Foundation UK charity asking if he could see the new stage production and take a peak behind the scenes.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation UK is Britain's leading wish granting charity which organises exciting experiences for children and young people fighting life-threatening illnesses.

And young Alex had his dreams answered when he was told he was going to Cardiff to see the show and meet the stars – including singer Aled Jones.

Earlier this month, the charity transported him to Wales where he and his family were put up in a hotel ready for the big day.

Make-A-Wish arranged for him to be collected from his hotel in a stretch limousine, along with his mum, dad and brother, Daniel, and travel in style to the Millennium Centre in Cardiff where they watched a matinee of the acclaimed show.

After singing along to classic songs such as Me Ol' Bamboo and Truly Scrumptious, Alex and his family were invited backstage to meet the cast of the show, including Aled Jones, who plays Chitty's inventor, Caractacus Potts, in the all-singing, all-dancing stage version of Ian Fleming's famous book.

Jones shot to fame as a boy soprano in the 1980s and has since carved a career which includes presenting the BBC's Songs of Praise and BBC Radio 2's Good Morning Sunday show.

Alex's mum, Kerrie, said: "Alex felt really special being able to sit in the 'Chitty' car and everyone was so kind at the theatre. It was an experience we will never forget."

Founded in 1986, the Make-A-Wish Foundation has granted nearly 5,000 wishes over its 21 year history.

Wishes, which are granted to children from across Britain, range from a sought-after present such as a quad bike or Playstation 3 to an experience of a lifetime, which has included meeting bands such as Def Leppard.

• To get involved with the charity please visit www.makeawish.org.uk.

Special report on the Lambeth Conference

THE Lambeth Conference is under way in Canterbury, with more than 650 bishops descending on the city.

The once-a-decade get-together, one of the biggest events in the Anglican Church's calendar, is likely to stimulate widespread discussion given much of the discussion focusing on homosexuality.

Prior to its start, Julie Maddocks went along to find out quite why it is so significant in a special report on our free, broadband TV site www.yourkenttv.co.uk. Search 'Lambeth'.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Medics to wheel way to accidents

PEDALLING paramedics will be introduced in Canterbury and Whitstable this summer in an effort to speed up response times.

It is hoped ambulance crew on bikes will be able to quickly reach and treat patients inaccessible by vehicle, thanks to the scheme being trialled in Kent and Sussex.

The mountain bikes will be equipped with all the necessary life saving gear – including a defibrillator carried on the paramedic's back – to treat patients or keep casualties alive while waiting for an ambulance to take them to hospital.

South East Coast Ambulance Service said the new two-wheeled lifesavers would respond to all types of emergency calls.

Acting clinical team leader, Dave Marshall, said: "We believe these bikes will prove to be a positive addition to our fleet in terms of responding quickly and appropriately to patients."

The scheme is also being trialled in popular seaside resort Brighton in East Sussex.

Parks to fly green flag

TWO parks in the district have been awarded green flags, the national standard for open spaces.

Reculver Country Park, for the sixth time, and Duncan Down in Whitstable, for the third time, have both scooped the prestigious award.

Judges assessed how welcoming the parks were, how healthy, safe and secure, their cleanliness and maintenance, and the sustainability, conservation and heritage, community involvement, marketing and management of each.

Canterbury council say the awards are due to the regeneration and economic development department working with other organisations to manage the parks, in Reculver's case, the Kent Wildlife Trust, and at Duncan Down, the Friends of Duncan Down.

Man jailed for PC punch

A HOMELESS man has been sent to prison for 80 days after punching a police officer in the face in a Canterbury park.

PC Angela Burgess, a member of the city's neighbourhood team, found Derek Wells, 42, of no fixed address, with open beer cans in Westgate Gardens at lunchtime on July 3.

Under Alcohol Control Area conditions allowing an officer to remove alcohol if it is felt it will lead to anti-social behaviour, Wells was asked to put the cans in the bin.

As he was doing so he turned round and punched the officer, breaking her glasses and bruising her face.



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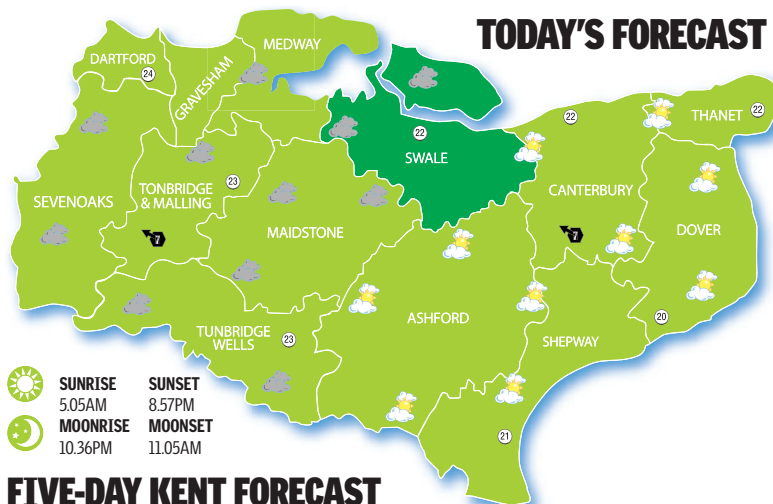
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	Sunday	6:00am	5.5m
Dover	Saturday	3:42pm	6.4m
	Sunday	4:28pm	6.3m
Dungeness	Saturday	3:38pm	7.5m
	Sunday	4:25pm	7.3m
Ramsgate	Saturday	4:12pm	4.9m
	Sunday	4:58pm	4.8m
Sheerness	Saturday	5:11pm	5.5m
	Sunday	5:53pm	5.4m
Whitstable	Saturday	5:04pm	5.2m
	Sunday	5:50pm	5.0m

SUNRISE
5.05AM
 MOONRISE
10.36PM
 SUNSET
8.57PM
 MOONSET
11.05AM

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	23°C	23°C	24°C	27°C	26°C	Gravesend	24°C	24°C	26°C	27°C	26°C
Canterbury	21°C	22°C	23°C	25°C	24°C	Maidstone	24°C	24°C	26°C	27°C	26°C
Chatham	22°C	22°C	22°C	24°C	24°C	Ramsgate	21°C	22°C	23°C	25°C	24°C
Dartford	24°C	24°C	26°C	27°C	26°C	Rochester	22°C	22°C	22°C	24°C	24°C
Dover	20°C	20°C	21°C	22°C	20°C	Sevenoaks	23°C	22°C	24°C	25°C	24°C
Faversham	22°C	22°C	22°C	24°C	24°C	Sittingbourne	22°C	22°C	22°C	24°C	24°C
Folkestone	20°C	20°C	21°C	22°C	20°C	Tonbridge	23°C	23°C	25°C	27°C	25°C
Gillingham	22°C	22°C	22°C	24°C	24°C	Tun Wells	23°C	23°C	25°C	27°C	25°C



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	xx°C	Madrid	xx°C
Athens	xx°C	New York	xx°C
Barcelona	xx°C	Paris	xx°C
Beijing	xx°C	Rome	xx°C
Bombay	xx°C	Sydney	xx°C
Cape Town	xx°C	Tenerife	xx°C
Cardiff	xx°C	Tokyo	xx°C
Gibraltar	xx°C	Vancouver	xx°C
Hong Kong	xx°C	Warsaw	xx°C
Las Palmas	xx°C	Wellington	xx°C

Carnival atmosphere sees off the clouds

THIS year's Sittingbourne Spectacular was a runaway success with a wide range of artists on show and more visitors than ever before.

Stilt-walkers, dragons and performance artists walked among the crowds, creating a carnival feel as a programme of live music inspired dancing in the streets.



HIGH THERE: Stilt-walkers take to the streets

In a new addition to the festival, two graffiti artists created artwork live in the High Street. Swale's arts and heritage officer, Catherine Herbert, who helped organise the event, said that many considered this to be one of the best spectacles ever.

She said: "It was great to see that people stayed later than usual and lovely to see so many children and families enjoying themselves."

"We were lucky with the weather. It looked like it might rain from time to time but, thankfully, blue skies broke through and everyone stayed dry."

"It was great to have the Mayor and Mayoress of Swale with us. They opened the event by releasing doves, which was a fitting launch for a brilliant day."

The annual spectacular, which is funded by Swale council, has been running for 13 years and attracts about 2,000 revellers.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

BOB LAMOON



Q Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

A I was a teacher of design and technology for many years but last year decided to concentrate on photography and graphic design. A new venture that I am involved in is acting as a guide-come-tutor on photographic holidays in south India, with the first trip planned for November. For details go to www.photosouthindia.com.

Q What first interested you in photography?

A Many years ago I saw an exhibition in France of the work of Henri Cartier-Bresson. I was totally bowled over by the visual narrative of his pictures. He captured the moment and never cropped a photograph.

Q Who or what is your favourite photographer/style of photography?

A I love photographs that tell a story. I don't always know if I am reading the story that the photographer saw but that's not a problem. Apart from Cartier-Bresson, the work of Robert Capa gives me shivers down the spine. Okay, these are very famous photographers but they worked hard and were brilliant.

Q Where is the most unusual or interesting thing you have taken a picture of?

A On a recent trip to south India, being allowed to take photographs inside some of the Hindu temples was a great privilege.

Q What do you hope to achieve with your work in future?

A I would love to sell many photographs from my south India portfolio so that I can give something back to poor children in India. In Tamil Nadu I met a guy who was running an orphanage and they are desperate for help. One of my photographs is called the Little Sweet Seller. It features a little kid in Cochin that I failed to see when I took the picture. I want to find her and pay for her contribution.

Q What do you think of the cultural and artistic life of Swale?

A I have lived in Faversham for the past seven years and just love the place. It needs to be cherished for its history and heritage but also for its people. I really hope the project known as 'Creek Creative' gets off the ground. Faversham is in desperate need of a cultural centre. There are many people beavering away in the area who need an outlet for their creative talents. We have lost three galleries recently and must hold on to what we still have, namely Wyards (a lovely gallery offering a wide range of printing workshops) and the Polka Dot Art Centre (a little known gem in Teynham).

Q Where can people find out more about you and your work?

A There's my website www.boblamoan.com that has just gone live. I'm very excited about it and would greatly appreciate feed-

back. I have an exhibition coming up quite soon at Wyards Print & Artworks in Ospringe. It's called 'Impression of South India' and runs from July 30 until August 16. The same exhibition will move to The Horsebridge Gallery in Whitstable at the end of September. The Polka Dot Art Centre in Teynham has just accepted four of my prints of Faversham.

'A Year in the Life of Faversham' is an exhibition of 366 photographs, one for each day of the year, that will take place at the end of August in the Drill Hall, Preston Street, Faversham. About 50 photographers have submitted photographs and I am very pleased to have about 25 pictures included. All profits will be shared by The Faversham Society and the Kent Wildlife Trust.

Q What do you like to do when you're not working?

A Well, if you mean when I'm not taking pictures, I work on my allotment and occasionally help a mate with his garden work. I am a qualified mountain leader and I'm about to take a party of young people to north Wales for a Duke of Edinburgh's Award gold expedition. Probably the nearest thing I do to not working is walking with my Jack Russell dog.

Q Tell us something that people don't tend to know about you.

A I have done many jobs in my life including driving a JCB, running a brass foundry and being a ploughman.

Q & A

The photographer spoke to **James Alexandre** about changing careers to pursue his passion, which has taken him to south India and back, exhibitions he has coming up soon and his hopes for the future

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Drug arrests rise after dealers are targeted

BY NICK AMES

CRIME across the county has dropped by 10.3 per cent in the last year, according to the latest statistics.

A total of 15,133 fewer offences were committed between April, last year, and this March, compared with the previous year.

But the same figures revealed an rise of 18 per cent in offences relating to drugs.

Reductions were seen in the areas of violent crime, criminal damage, burglary and vehicle crime.

Police say the rise in drugs offences is a result of the work undertaken to destroy networks.

The force said the total of 3,524 recorded drugs offences – up 548 on 2007 – was because of officers' success in destroying supply networks.

Assistant Chief Constable Gary Beauridge called the latest figures "good news".

He said: "It is encouraging that the number of crimes being committed continues to fall even now and we will work hard to continue to improve the reductions we've seen in the last year."

Police said across the county the chances of being a victim of crime are decreasing, with 80 offences to every 1,000 persons.

This figure is higher than in the neighbouring county of Surrey, but police have stressed a "like for like" comparison is not appropriate as Kent has more areas of deprivation.

Mr Beauridge said: "The commitment of Kent Police, our officers and staff, and the help we receive from the public have all contributed towards this excellent achievement in tackling and reducing crime."

"Our neighbourhood policing teams have formed close relationships with the communities they are protecting and serving, enabling officers to deal with local crime issues more easily."

He added that the increase in reported drug offences was a reflection of the good work of officers in this area.



HARD KNOCKS: A police officer forces open a door during a raid targeting the class A drugs network in Maidstone

"Context must be applied here, as this shows we are targeting drug dealers," he said.

"No one wants to see dealers in the midst of a community, selling drugs to children. If we are

contacted by concerned people we will act to combat this menace. My message to the drug dealers is: watch out. We will come after you and you will end up in prison."

KCC defends Zimbabwe shares link

THE Green Party has accused Kent County Council of supporting Robert Mugabe's "despotic" regime in Zimbabwe.

The party claims KCC has more than a £100 million in shares in companies which have some involvement with the troubled African state. They say the authority has ignored calls for an ethical investment policy.

The Greens say KCC has £109.5 million invested in companies they claim have links with Zimbabwe.

These are mining groups Anglo American and Rio Tinto, oil giants BP and Shell and banks Standard Chartered and Barclays.

Spokesman Stuart Jeffrey said: "The Mugabe regime has been condemned by all the major parties in the UK, yet county councillors refuse to consider the effects of their inaction."

"Councillors should be called to account for their part in supporting unethical investments in the face of almost universal condemnation."

"David Cameron has called for his party to examine its morals when it comes to investing, yet both Tory and Lib Dem councillors are prepared to maintain investments."

A KCC spokesman said: "The council is responsible for the management of the £2.6 billion Kent pension fund. The fund covers about 200 public sector employers in the county and has about 40,000 scheme members and another 40,000 pensioners."

"The fund committee has to get the best returns it can, otherwise the burden of the costs of pensions could fall on taxpayers. We leave decisions about which companies to invest in to investment managers as we need to maximise our returns and hold the managers accountable for their performance."



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Hook up with a book for the Kent Year of Reading

■ BY FAITH RIDING

'LIFE is so much better when you read' – an enduring message and one that is at the heart of the 2008 Kent Year of Reading – the county's contribution to the national campaign.

Designed to boost literacy levels and encourage everyone to make reading part of their daily lives, the year-long programme was launched at County Hall in Maidstone in April.

School children joined Kent County Council cabinet members on a sofa, a bed and deckchairs for a morning of storytelling, to help illustrate great places to read.

Getting as many people as possible involved in the campaign has been made easier thanks to a broad programme of events in the county libraries.

There was a 'Living Library' in Sevenoaks – one of only four nationwide – which allowed customers to borrow people from different professions and walks of life for a conversation, and a 'Library in the Park' in Dartford which opened on July 1 so that books could be browsed and borrowed in the great outdoors.

Inspiration

Other activities have included incentive schemes to encourage reading, author talks and a song writing competition in Dover – reinforcing the message that the skill of reading is vital in all aspects of life including music.

More activities are planned – the most immediate is this year's Reading Challenge which has an Olympic theme and encourages young people to spend some of the long summer break with their noses in books.

The campaign has also been the inspiration behind the Kent Story – county council leader Paul Carter penned an opening chapter for 12 books, one for each district, which are travelling from school to school with pupils writing their



BOOKS FOR ALL: These children joined in the fun for an initiative designed to encourage us all to enjoy the written word

own contribution to continue the tales.

The project is being guided by the imaginations of the county's young writers and artists and the finished books will be put on display at County Hall and then in libraries across the county.

Work is also going on with prison inmates, young offenders and adult learners – with a focus on how improved literacy levels can open doors and radically change prospects at work and at home.

"At the heart of all this activity is the determination to change people's attitudes to reading, particularly among those who don't consider it important or relevant to their lives," says strategic manager Gill Bromley, who is leading the project.

"The Kent Year of Reading is not just about events – although these are a wonderful way to encourage the community to get involved.

"Our main aim is to target those people for whom reading presents a challenge or isn't that important.

Vital

"The best way to change this mindset is to encourage and promote the idea that literacy can help in so many aspects of life – it's not just about settling down with a novel – but vital for surfing the net, applying for a passport or even reading the instructions on the microwave."

What about 2009 and beyond – will all this activity just stop? "Absolutely not," says Ms Bromley. "The most important thing for us will be to establish the Kent Year of Reading's legacy and ensure that this commitment to improving literacy levels and generating reading passion continues. Every year should be a Year of Reading."

Officers to lead way with e-life initiative

A LEADERSHIP Academy has been launched by Kent police to develop the abilities of all officers – from police community support officers to area commanders.

It will record each participant's developing abilities on the force's internal internet – giving officers an "e-life" of how they are getting on in the training programmes.

The academy was set up at the request of Chief Constable Michael Fuller, at the force headquarters in Maidstone, to spot and develop leadership talent and, ultimately, achieve higher standards of performance.

The academy training is being tailored specifically to Kent's needs.

This includes live simulation training to test leadership and decision-making skills in a range of scenarios and critical incident situations.

Participants update their "e-life" regularly to show how their approach to their day-to-day work has benefited.

Mr Fuller said: "Leadership is important at every level in the force.

"We look to select leaders who inspire, motivate, set standards, support their staff and recognise good work.

"This is why I was keen to invest in ensuring we have skilled and talented leaders for the future.

"I believe, through an innovative approach to training that includes live simulation of a range of scenarios our leaders could encounter, we will continue to improve our performance.

"The feedback from those who have already taken part in the programme has been resoundingly positive."

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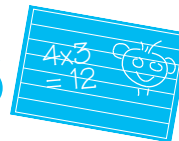
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Hole in one for team of young entrepreneurs



TEAM: From left, Tom Cantor, Ryan Gorman, Enrique Page, Zachary Evans, Josh Clayton and Oliver Hyde with the trophy and certificate which they won for their golf ball that can be tracked with satellite positioning technology

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

SIX budding entrepreneurs from Borden Grammar School are celebrating after winning a prize for their novel idea in a business competition.

The team from year ten, comprising Josh Clayton, Zachary Evans, both aged 14, Tom Cantor, Oliver Hyde, Ryan Gorman and Enrique Page, all aged 15, came up with the idea of a golf ball that can be tracked using satellite positioning technology.

The competition, run by East Kent Education Business Partnership, was held at the Pfizer building in Sandwich earlier this month and saw teams from fifteen different Kent schools present their ideas.

They faced some tough questioning from business judges intent on testing the viability of their ideas.

The team, whose company name is Nai Inc, developed a prototype and prepared a business case for their product, presenting their idea to a full lecture hall at Pfizer via slides and an advertisement, which they filmed themselves.

They had won their place in the final after beating off competition from 23 other teams

in their own school over the course of two heats. They had been working on their idea since January.

Company secretary Ryan Gorman said they faced many challenges along the way, including generating high quality paperwork to demonstrate their business case.

He said: "Getting the paperwork together was irritating but well worth it."

Tom Cantor, the company technician, added that they "had great fun filming the advert."

Each boy took on a different role and company chairman Enrique Page said: "It was a team effort."

Marketing manager Zachary Evans said that they enjoyed being in the spotlight and "being on stage wasn't as nerve-wracking as people think it is."

Assistant headteacher Richard Artingstoll, who coached the team, was delighted with their performance.

He said: "They were really confident and assured when they were at the front doing their presentation."

"I am very proud of them."

The scheme is designed for school pupils in year ten as part of their enterprise education promoting team work, creativity and good planning.

The boys were presented with a trophy and certificate on the day.

BREAK TIME

Pupils prove their worth



CELEBRATION: Fulston lower school annual awards ceremony with headteacher Alan Brookes

FULSTON Manor School held its annual lower school awards ceremony to mark the achievements of its pupils.

Headteacher Alan Brookes gave out 101 awards to pupils for academic or personal successes during the event last Tuesday.

Presentations were given to pupils who have contributed to the overall life of the community to highlight its importance for their personal development.

The award for outstanding attendance

was presented to Sean Tribe, who has not missed a single session during his three years at the school.

The certificates for outstanding progress in English, mathematics and science could not be awarded because of the national delay in the marking of SATs papers and will be awarded next term.

Headteacher Mr Brookes said: "It is always a source of pleasure at the end of the academic year to celebrate the success of so many of our younger pupils."

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Cheer up, it might never happen. Summer, that is

SEASONAL Affective Disorder, you may remember, was the affliction of choice a few years back.

It was the reason, we were told, so many of us feel glum during the winter months. A lack of bright light apparently turns some of us a little blue.

It's a catchy little title for what many would consider simply our natural reaction to cold dark nights and, well, cold dark days.

Few of us manage to raise much of a smile, after all, when we wake up to darkness, endure a day of darkness in the office, then make the jaunt home by the power of moonlight. Assuming, of course, it's not cloudy. Which it normally is.

We don't even get a bit of snow any more to lighten the mood and give us all a couple of extra days at home snuggling under the duvet, popping out to build the obligatory snowman and chuck a few icy snowballs in some poor unfortunate's direction.

But by April, in theory, the gloom lifts and so do your spirits. So imagine how frustrating

2008 must be for those with a penchant for a dose of SAD every year. No sooner does the sun poke its warm little head out from behind a cloud than everything else goes to pot.

You may well have been saving during those rainy days for a bit of a summer splurge, but instead that cash is now going on a splash of petrol.

We hardly need reminding that petrol prices have rocketed faster than Lewis Hamilton out of the pits, or that fuel bills are hotting up to an overdraft-nudging level.

And while the housing market belly flops like a sumo wrestler plummeting from a ten-storey building, there isn't much to put that smile on the face of the SAD sufferer.

Which is a shame, because summers are supposed to be one long, hot affair, where we all don flip-flops for three months and laugh at work colleagues who forgot the sun cream and impersonate tomatoes for the duration.

It was always going to be a bit glum, too, given the weather forecast. Warm and wet is not a heart-warmer. And so it has proved. If the summer keeps plodding along as it has so

far, then no doubt floods will be sweeping in come September.

So we all need a bit of cheering up. But how?

Well, there's some good news for those who can still afford to run a car and commute to work on our roads. Because as of this week, the school holidays kick in which means everyone will spend the next few weeks getting to work 15 minutes earlier on account of the lack of traffic.

And if you get to work early you can cram in some quality creeping to the boss, which will enhance your job prospects and ensure that when you get turned down for a pay rise due to the economy, they'll at least break the news to you nicely, rather than a cursory email telling you "don't even think about it".

So if you do suffer from SAD, at least you'll only be swapping the gloom of summer for the gloom of winter, so you might not notice the difference. Something to smile about, surely?

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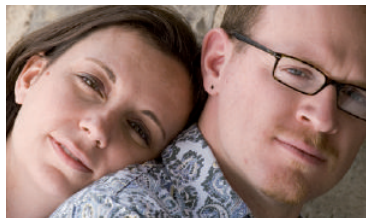
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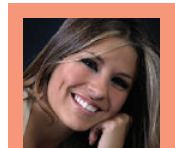
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Attractive, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTW intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. (Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734)

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I'm a social, caring and sensual woman, 33, who enjoys having fun, conversation, arts, music and eating out, seeking a like-minded, upbeat man. Box 899177

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Bubbly, genuine, honest, caring Mum of 1, 34, dark hair, blue eyes, loves nights in/out, seeking male, 30-40, with GSOH, for love and all. Box 437041

ANIMAL MAGIC!

Single, kind, caring animal lover, 34, from Kent, likes cooking, cinema, theatre, most music, seeks non-smoking male, 34-38, for LTR. Box 440782

HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical periods, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-48, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

SEIZE THE DAY

Attractive and friendly female, 36, caring, considerate, outgoing, loves to travel and walks on beaches, seeks similar male for potential long term romance. Box 442392

CHAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

Lovely single mum, 38, 5'4", blonde, slim, loves socialising, good fun and chatty, WLTW similar male for fun and laughter, maybe leading to LTR. Box 372889

A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE

Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, WLTW a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

OH MANDY

Mandy, 38, lovely brunette, petite & slim, very tactile & bubbly, professional mum, WLTW honest, romantic N/S man. Box 432639

READ ALL ABOUT IT

Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTW N/S man to share things with. Box 442843

LOVE IS AN OPTION...

Loving caring lady, 45, blonde hair, 5'4", average build, loves a laugh, football, going out, country trips, seeking friends and hopeful partner for loving companionship. Box 429892

IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT

44yr old female, blonde hair, 5'6", slim, easygoing, enjoys many things in life, looking for someone similar to share to enjoy life with! Box 436810

ALL THIS AND MORE

Attractive female, 45, slim-medium build, 5'6", big brown eyes, brown hair, caring, loving, honest, seeking LTR with an honest, caring male to enjoy life with. Box 439367

MAKE ME LAUGH

Lonely, bored, professional Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, single, blue eyes, likes the gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking for a kind, caring, loyal male Box 440304

SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE

Kind, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 899894

TOO MUCH TO ASK

Genuine female, 41, 5'3", brunette, brown eyes, medium build, enjoys meals out, music etc, seeks male, 38-42, for romance. Box 155275

ATTRACTION & SATISFACTION

Hard-working independent female, 41, dark brown hair, brown eyes, GSOH, enjoys cinema, eating in/out, seeking similar male with no issues for friendship first, then hopefully more. Box 442205

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE

Fun-loving, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, N/S, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, single, fit, romantic male. Box 814378

THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156

NIGHT NURSE

Caring, honest female, 42, nurse, likes classic and pop music, outdoor, walks, socialising, seeks male, with similar interests. Box 220510

TOGETHER, FOREVER?

Caring person with GSOH, 48, would like to share my life with someone nice, who enjoys romantic walks, meals and wants to find love. Box 889783

BE MY FRIEND AND LOVER

Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy. Box 425952

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DEAL OR NO DEAL? (IN DEAL)

Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5'10", likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430394

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BLACK MAGIC

Loving black female, 49yr old, slim, enjoys cooking, dancing and socialising, WLTW a gentle man for a romantic relationship. Box 441839

HOPE YOU FIT THE BILL

Slender, 49, 5'4", attractive, young looking, enjoys dancing, holidays abroad and driving, WLTW a kind and friendly male to share life with. Box 442515

AFFECTIONATE,

divorced female, 50, slim/petite, blonde hair, blue eyes, non-smoker, GSOH, likes walks, cinema, eating, cosy nights in, music, seeks handsome, affectionate male, non-smoker, for love. Box 368158

CARING

Loving female, 52, 5'2", blonde hair, blue eyes, no ties, likes theatre, cinema, music, eating in or out, travel, seeks male, for friendship, possible romance. Box 189993

IN MY SIGHTS

Lovely, curvaceous lady, 57yr old, enjoys visual arts and travelling, WLTW a genuine male, 50-60 for friendship and possibly romance. Box 441382

ATTRACTIVE

young lady 56, 5'5", brown hair, green eyes, slim, loves travelling, cooking, winning & dining, gardening, country life, seeks honest, caring, loving, affectionate male. Box 378206

TO BE WITH YOU

Down to earth gentle chap, 34, likes clubbing, walking, going out, socialising, seeking similar female for lasting happiness. Box 442249

REAL MAN

Honest, kind, caring male, 37, blonde, 6ft, enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life, WLTW like-minded, genuine female. Sarah, please call again, leave contact details! Box 430440

HERE I AM

I'm Stuart, 36, 6'6", short dark hair, stocky build, love squash, badminton, swimming, the gym, theatre, seeking a fun-loving, nice lady for loyalty and love. Box 437106

EVERYTHING I DO

Lee, driver, 36yr old, 6'3", dark hair, like pubs, clubs, wine bars, places of interest, sports and reading, WLTW a woman for friendship and romance. Box 889720

PURE AND SIMPLE

Serving soldier, 38yr old, 6ft, brown hair, blue eyes, athletic build, looking to make friends with a great, special female. Box 889716

IT'S WRITTEN IN THE STARS

Sincere, 36yr old male, self-employed, seeks Miss Right, 30-40, for friendship/romance. Box 783954

R U A ME?

Down-to-earth, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, watching movies, seeking cosy evenings in. Box 914917

HI LADIES

I'm 38, 5'11", average build, like pubs, restaurants, cinema, quiet nights in with chocs and DVDs, seeking kind, happy female with GSOH, for honest relationship. Box 442056

TLC ON OFFER

Darren, 39, fun loving, genuine, 5'8", medium build, average build, single, 25-45, for a LTR, no time wasters please. Box 442438

WORKAHOLIC

SEEKS COUNTRY GIRL
Hi, I'm 40, down to earth, reliable, honest, like keeping fit, going out, meals out, watching movies, seeking similar lady for lasting love & happiness. Box 889945

HOLD ME CLOSE

Attractive mixed race male, 41, 5'10", likes chatting and good company, looking for a friendly female 18-44, for a committed LTR. Box 889515

SIMON SAYS...

Caring single dad, 41, 5'10", average build, young-looking, WLTW lady for friendship evenings out, maybe more. Recently quit smoking! E Sussex. Box 963530



MEN'S SPOTLIGHT

SINGLE MUMS MORE THAN WELCOME

Good looking single dad, 28, 6ft, slim, GSOH, reliable and easygoing, looking for my princess for fun, friendship and romance. Box 442503

CAN YOU RESIST?

Attractive guy, 29, 5'8", shaved head, green eyes, enjoys cycling, walking and eating out, WLTW a genuine girl, 21-26 for friendship. Box 442408

CATCH YOU WHEN YOU FALL

Shy male, 32yr old, medium build, sensitive and easygoing, enjoys country walks and eating out, WLTW a similar lady for a relationship, pref N/S. Box 442406

READY FOR LOVE

Stuart, 32, very shy but ready for love, 5'6", slim, brown hair/eyes, cheeky & fun, love a laugh, music, film, seeking like-minded lady for love. Box 441777

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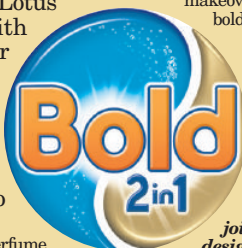
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TALK TIME

PAUL WILKINSON

The director of the Kent Field School of Archaeology tells Yourswale about his work in the field and his connection to a certain Lonely Hearts Club Band



Can you tell us a little about yourself and the school?

The school has now been running for ten years, has more than 700 members and is based in a wonderful converted oast house just outside Faversham. We aim to bring the opportunity of participating in archaeology to the general public and in this we have been very successful. Each year we focus on a site under threat of destruction and excavate it to the highest standards.

Our work has been recognised by some as the most important amateur work taking place in Kent today, we have even had Time Team making a programme about our work at Syndale Park.

Have you explored or made any interesting discoveries in the local area recently?

This May I took archaeological students and members of the KAFS to a farm west of Faversham, adjacent to Watling Street, to investigate the probable site of a Roman villa found by field-walking and test-pitting. Our first evaluation trench exposed a cornucopia of archaeological features which included the base of a large corn mill, a sunken road, Anglo-Saxon buildings and the remains of a massive stone-built Roman bath house.

Can you tell us something that people don't tend to know about you?

I came late to archaeology and in another life I was a graphic designer – so next time you look at the cover of the Beatles' Sergeant Pepper album, you will see I designed it!

YOUR LETTERS



Outrageous that we are still paying toll

Having just read Yourswale, I was flabbergasted by the story about cash from the Dartford crossing.

Just how can it be justified that the cash from this infernal toll can now not go to the benefit of Kent road users? What drives me round the bend is that the toll was supposed to be ditched after it finished paying for itself. Yet we continue to cough up. It simply is not fair.

R Foster,
by email



Festival signs are a roadside menace

I enjoyed your blogger article about the pitfalls and perks of taking in festivals (Lavatorial issues are the bottom line this summer, Yourswale, July 16). Crucially, I thought it hit the



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... nail on the head when it came to the number of festivals being held in the county this year.

But surely the biggest issue is the number of advertising hoardings strapped to

roundabouts and road signs advertising them. Not only are they unsightly, but surely they must present a safety issue if drivers are too busy reading them and not keeping their eyes on the road?

Same goes with those great big signs for various events. In particular there is one on the Faversham to Ashford road, a route that, given the number of crashes and near misses, requires motorists to stay fully focused on the road at all times.

Mrs G Cross,
Faversham



Nonplussed by fuss over County Show

Am I the only one left completely cold by the Kent County Show?

When I read your coverage last week, all I could think of was how could anyone find dancing JCBs in anyway entertaining. And as for displays of livestock, looking out of your window when you drive anywhere normally reveals as many sheep and cows as you could want.

Or am I alone in feeling that?

K Polten,
by email

Fantastic display of Kent's best qualities

I would like to say thank you to the organisers of this year's County Show through the pages

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of your newspaper. We attended the Friday, so missed the worst of the traffic jams, and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

The organisation was excellent, the atmosphere warm and friendly and some of the things on show truly fascinating. Well done to everyone – and roll on next summer.

Mrs G Ogley,
Faversham

Pubs are much nicer without the toxic fug

Just to echo one of your letter writers last week, I have found my social life transformed since the introduction of the smoking ban last year.

My friends and I (one of whom is asthmatic) would often simply go to each other's homes for a night as we were put off by the smoke which hung so heavily in pubs.

Now we can go out and enjoy ourselves without worrying about the quality of air we are breathing.

While I am sure some pubs have seen a drop in trade, I am sure there must be many like myself who are now returning since the smog has cleared.

Ann Swanson,
by email

Help a Heart support was magnificent

I am writing to thank all your readers who helped to make the British Heart Foundation's Help a Heart campaign a success in June.

So many people supported the

campaign by digging deep and donating to our UK-wide house-to-house collections, buying a heart button from their local BHF shop or raising funds in their own way, that we are well on our way to raising our target of £1.5 million.

We are also extremely thankful to those people who gave their time for free, by volunteering to distribute and gather collection envelopes or helping out with events and other fundraising activities.

The money your community raised throughout the Help a Heart campaign will help the BHF continue to fund vital heart research to save and improve lives. It is only with your support that we can beat heart disease together.

If people would still like to donate to the campaign, they can visit bhf.org.uk/helpaheart or call 01892 890002.

Kim Brophy,
BHF volunteer
fundraising manager

Why shouldn't MPs pay their own way?

MPs and MEPs abuse their position and make us poor in order to get fully furnished second homes and other jollies at our expense.

It is time they paid for their own comfort. I heard Ann Widdecombe, the Conservative MP for Maidstone and the Weald, on the radio saying that people do not expect MPs to live in unfurnished bedsits in outer suburbs.

But why not let them live in less salubrious conditions, to remind them what the rest of the

population has to put up with?

From my experience, many politicians are insensitive and manipulative – it goes with the territory.

We can choose estate agents, change banks and avoid dodgy garages, but how can we dump MPs who disgrace themselves?

I can't stand a Government that congratulates itself on failure and rewards its friends out of our purses.

There is no excuse for tripling employees in the public sector, where top henchmen award themselves sky-high salaries and golden parachutes out of public funds.

Now we face stagflation on top of hurtful taxation, and a punitive Government rife with incompetence and maladministration which divides and rules, just as the robber barons did.

Can we protect ourselves from a Government intent on gobbling up our cash and taking away our hard-earned entitlement to affordable living?

What have useless regulators who protect wrong-doers, Government advisers or quango kings and queens done for us?

They pontificate as if they are infallible, but live off our backs, not on the meagre residue of average earners after Government deductions.

Rita Grootendorst,
by email

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Family tough it to the top



HOT ACT: The Cherryholmes and Elizabeth Cook (inset) perform bluegrass and country at the Zebra Bar

FROM dodging bullets to scoring hits, the Cherryholmes family have truly triumphed over adversity.

This unlikely-looking group are one of the hottest acts on the American bluegrass scene, blowing audiences away with their talent.

Their first album to be released on a record label reached number three in the Billboard bluegrass chart and earned them a Grammy nomination, but just nine years ago half their members had never even picked up an instrument.

It was a terrible tragedy which prompted parents Jere and Sandy Lee to bring music into the family's lives.

In 1999 their oldest daughter Shelly died from chronic heart problems, aged just 20.

It was a dreadful time, not helped by the fact that the family were living in a tough Los Angeles neighbourhood.

The children frequently had to do their homework while crouched between their beds because of the threat of drive-by shootings, so a trip to a bluegrass festival provided the chance briefly to escape their prob-

lems and their grief. It was their first exposure to a genre which seemed completely alien, given their background, but the experience inspired Jere and Sandy to incorporate music in their children's home schooling.

It became a core part of their studies, which then developed into hours of playing together every night.

The children were aged between six and 15 at the time, but less than six months later the family were performing professionally.

Eldest daughter Cia Leigh began learning the guitar at the age of 15 but switched to the banjo, which she plays with outstanding power, and she is also a gifted singer.

Her brother BJ picked up a fiddle for the first time at 11 and is compared to some of the finest fiddlers in the business.

Skip is an excellent guitar picker with an aggressive rhythm style and left-handed Molly Kate plays fiddle, sings and writes songs to an astonishing level. Jere plays upright bass and sings, while Sandy Lee's mandolin, banjo and yodelling are real crowd pleasers.

The family spend about 300 days a year on the road, bunking in the bus and sharing passenger duty as Jere

drives through the night.

They self-released three albums before being signed to Skaggs Family Records and have toured internationally, as well as being regulars at the historic Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

They will be stopping off in Maidstone on their way to headline the Cambridge Folk Festival.

Cherryholmes will be joined on the bill by Elizabeth Cook, who is described as "a bona fide country singer". A true traditional singer in the style of Loretta Lynn or Connie Smith, she appeared at the Grand Ole Opry more than 100 times before releasing her acclaimed debut album, *Hey Y'all*.

She is a talented singer, having co-written nine of the 11 tracks on her latest album *Balls* – including the brash anthem *Sometimes It Takes Balls To Be A Woman*.

The gig starts at 8pm and tickets cost £14 in advance or £16 on the door. To book, phone 01622 744481.

THE CHERRYHOLMES

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A MIDSUMMER'S NIGHT DREAM

Friday and Saturday, August 1 & 2
Belmont House, near Faversham



A MAGICAL world of fairies and enchanting potions is brought to life in Shakespeare's romantic comedy A Midsummer Night's Dream.

The Hazlitt Theatre and Changeling present the tale in the open air, choosing some of Kent's most attractive settings. The performances at Belmont House are part of a Kent-wide tour, giving audiences a chance to enjoy the Bard's words in beautiful locations.

Shakespeare's captivating play tells a complex story of fairies, love potions, misunderstandings and true love.

Three interlocking plots combine as couples elope, quarrel and fall unexpectedly in love in the magical woodlands of Athens. Follow the adventures of Hermia and Lysander, Helena and Demetrius, Oberon and Titania, as they attempt to live happily ever after.

It is recommended that audiences should take their own comfortable seating. Some people will be invited to sit inside the performance circle and play with the fairies.

Performances start at 7.30pm both days with a 3pm matinee on Saturday. Tickets are priced from £10. To book call 01622 758611 or go online at www.hazlittartscentre.co.uk.



THE ROYAL BACCARAT SCANDAL

Monday to Saturday, July 28-August 2
Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



THE Old Stagers will be marking their 157th season in Canterbury with a tale of dishonour, intrigue and Royal scandal.

Based on a true story, the gripping tale explores what happened when the Prince of Wales took part in an illegal game of baccarat at a country house in 1890. When his friend Sir William Gordon-Cumming was accused of cheating by his fellow players, the Prince

found himself being called as a court witness in a defamation case.

The play re-enacts the Victorian scandal and tries to solve the mystery of whether Sir William really did cheat or if he was falsely accused by a jealous husband.

Tuesday's performance will be in aid of the Lady Mayoress of Canterbury's local charities. The performances on August 1 and 2 are followed by the Epilogue, a short musical revue.

Tickets are priced from £8 to £15. To book call the box office on 01227 769075 or visit the website at www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk.

CBEEBIES AT THE THEATRE

Monday to Wednesday, July 28-30
Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury



FAVOURITE characters from children's television will be bringing fun and frolics to the stage next week.

CBeebies at the Theatre is the first ever theatre show to star many of the best-loved characters from the channel. PC Plum, Postman Pat, Jess the Cat and Tamba from Tikkabilla will be among the gang waiting to entertain young audiences with music and songs at the Marlowe.

As well as being a lot of fun, the show also has a serious message and a chance for children to learn about the importance of protecting the planet. Discover how many of the things we throw away every day can be recycled and given a new lease on life.

There will be lots of excitement and surpris-



es too as the Jakers, Bill & Ben and the Koala Brothers arrive to help Tommy Zoom combat the dastardly deeds of Polluto.

Tickets cost £14.50 for adults, £12.50 for children and £50 for families of four. Book online at www.marlowetheatre.com or call the box office on 01227 787787.

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Appeal for youngsters to enter film festival

ASPIRING young filmmakers are invited to enter their work in the first ever Kino Kids Short Film Festival.

Anyone under 18 can submit and selected films will be shown at a Kent cinema, as part of Kent Summerscreen.

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Superheroes will get in free at Farming World

SAVE the world and gain free entry to Farming World at Boughton during the attraction's Superheroes Week.

Running from Monday to Friday, August 1, the week feature games, face painting and the 'design a superhero' competition. There will be daily visits from Spiderman and a Power Ranger between 2pm and 4pm.

Anyone dressed as a superhero will get free entry to the farm on that day. To find out more visit www.farming-world.com or call 01227 751144.

Sneak a peak at a host of secret gardens

DISCOVER the beautiful gardens of Faversham during this weekend's Secret Gardens event.

The Faversham Society has arranged for more than 20 private gardens to be open to the public on Saturday and Sunday. They are all in or near the town centre and within easy walking distance of each other.

The gardens will be open from 1pm to 5pm. Entry is by programme, priced at £7.50 and available from the Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre in Preston Street.

Folk club rediscovers sounds of the past

THE Chimney Boy in Preston Street will be transported back in time when Capriole visit Faversham Folk Club.

Singing songs from the 14th to 17th centuries, the group dress as men and women of the court and bring ancient tunes back to life.

The gig starts at 8.30pm on Wednesday, July 30. Tickets cost £5 for club members and £6 for non-members.

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Magnificent seven are ready to rock all day

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

FROM ska to screamo, the eclectic line-up of this year's Don8tion all-day event brings together seven of the best bands Kent has to offer.

The popular charity event, now in its fourth year, is held each summer at the Wyvern Hall in Sittingbourne, a 500-capacity venue with the space for bands and fans to really let rip.

This year's concert – organised to raise money for Demelza children's hospice – is headlined by Folkestone's superlative ska/punk outfit, Battleska Galactica.

The eight-piece are fresh from a successful slot at the ill-fated Zoo8 festival, packing the marquee when they performed on the Friday.

They already have several critically acclaimed releases, including 2005's *Songs from the Crypt*, and a new album, *If Found Please Return To ...* will be on sale later this year.

Preceding Battleska are Medway rockers Saturday Superhouse, who wowed the audience at last year's Don8tion with their highly polished set. Energetic punk band Los Salvadores will also be bringing their impressive sound to the stage, as well as Sheppey screamo band The Rodeo Plan, and Maidstone indie kids Directions.

Opening the night are No Room For Growth, a young and talented Sittingbourne ska band. They will be followed by Sheppey hard rock



INTO BATTLE: Guitarist Stewart Cork performing with Battleska Galactica. Also on the Don8tion bill are Los Salvadores, left, and five other top Kent bands

outfit Wires Faulty. Don8tion is organised by Los Salvadores guitarist Marf Whiskin, and promoter Jade Wilson. Both say this year will be the best yet. Marf said: "The

line-up is the best we've ever had. Every band on there was picked because they put on a great show and have worked hard to build a following.

"And everyone – including Vic Wintergreen from DefZone who is doing the sound – has agreed to do it for free, so we can give more money than ever to Demelza."

don8tion

Jade said: "This is going to be an amazing gig. It's such a strong line-up."

Last year's concert raised nearly £500 for Demelza. Don8tion will be at the Wyvern Hall, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne, on Friday, August 8. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets are £4 and are available from any of the bands or on the door. You can donate online at www.just-giving.co.uk/don8tion.

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MEET DAVE (PG)



Dave Ming Chang (Eddie Murphy), newly arrived in New York City, may be the ultimate fish out of water. There's something about him that's not quite right – for starters, he seems remarkably out of place and uncomfortable in his own body. And for good reason: 'Dave' is not a man at all, but a ship made in the image of its miniature-sized captain.

DONKEY PUNCH (18)



When three girls decide to go on holiday to Spain, they expect the usual holiday of sun, sand and lots of nights out on the town. But when three guys tell them they have a boat and the girls are welcome to go out for a day, things take a terrifying turn for the worse when one of the girls dies and it becomes a fight for survival.

No more action man

BY ELLIE GENOWER

WHEN Jackie Chan first heard about the fantastical concept of his new movie *The Forbidden Kingdom*, he certainly had his doubts.

"I would never make this kind of film," he says, smiling. "For me, these kinds of films are ridiculous. It doesn't make sense. But the American audience, I think, is interested. So every time I make an American film, I trust the American writer and the American director."

The film sees New York young kung fu fan Jason Tripitakas (Michael Angarano) magically thrust into ancient China where he befriends wise kung fu master Lu Yan (Jackie Chan) and a warrior played by Jet Li. They team up to free the Monkey King, who has been imprisoned by the powerful Jade War Lord.

Jackie, who shot much of the movie on location in China, says: "This is just like a fantasy – a fairytale, but I made this movie because I know American culture and American people like it."

Despite Chan's initial reservations, he couldn't resist the chance to work with another famous Chinese movie fighter – Jet Li – either.

After years of trying to team up on film, Lee had almost given up on the idea of working with him by the time *Forbidden Kingdom* came along.

"I have always hoped to make movies with some people I really admire, like Dustin Hoffman and Robert De Niro, before I retire from this business," he says.

"Jet Li is someone whom I have wanted to work for more than ten years. Every time I see Jet we say, 'Let's do it!' This time it happened



GETTING HARDER: Jackie Chan says he wants to be a serious actor before he retires

because Casey [Silver] the producer was in the middle. Every ten days he would call and tell me Jet Li was happy with the script, before sending it to me.

"He was the one flying back and forth making the whole thing happen."

But far from being a battle of the egos between two movie martial arts legends, Lee says coordi-

nating fight scenes with Li felt comfortable.

"After the first cut, the director comes up and says 'Can you guys slow down?'" Lee says with a laugh.

"I want to show off quick and he wants to show off quick, but then we slowed down. It was fun. Fighting with him is very comfortable. I've fought so many different actors who just don't know

how to fight. It makes you hurt and it doesn't look good. And I think because I'm good, it makes him comfortable!"

However, Li is, at 45, almost ten years younger than Chan at 54. As the energetic and animated star grows older, it inevitably becomes harder to perform the big kung-fu stunts, he did so effortlessly on film at a younger age.

Hence one of the reasons Chan is trying to make the transition from kung fu movie star to serious actor.

"I think for the last six or five years, I've changed my style," he says, earnestly. "Right after the *Forbidden Kingdom*, I finished a movie called *The Shinjuku Incident*. It's maybe one per cent action. Heavy drama. The next one will be big action, then maybe a love story."

"I want to change. I want to be a real actor and not just an action star. An action star's film life is very short. Jackie Chan is a myth and I'm in survival right now."

"It's been more than 30 years, but how much longer can I keep fighting? This is why I have to change, change, change. I'm not like I used to be – I'm tired."



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It will showcase the latest in stylish bathroom fixtures and fittings, crafted wall-hung basins and stone shower trays, vanity units and working displays such as showers and a whirlpool bath.

New city skincare shop is naturally appealing

A NEW natural skincare emporium opens for business in The Kings Mile on August 1.

Ecorium at 38 Palace Street, Canterbury, has an emphasis firmly on providing an upmarket experience for any budget with environmentally-friendly products. Among its boasts is being the sole city stockist of Jo Wood Organics – a woman better known as the wife of Rolling Stones guitarist Ronnie.

An online shop will open in September with all packaging made from recycled materials.

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BOOTS is offering a free gift to customers who spend £20 on No7 products.

The summer palette includes make-up in a range of pretty seasonal colours, exclusively designed by Lisa Eldridge. To take advantage of the free gift, simply spend at least £20 on the No7 range, which includes Intelligent Colour Foundation (£13.75), Instant Radiance Concealer (£12) and Sunkissed Bronzing Pearls (£9.50).

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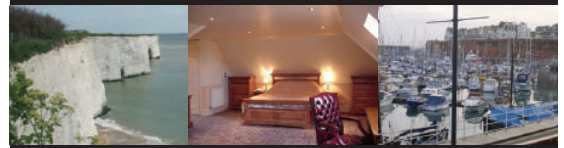
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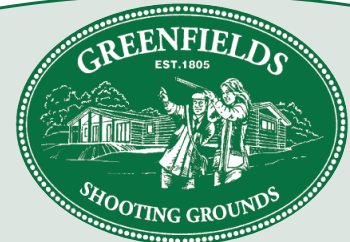
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BBC Two, 8.30pm, Monday

■ BY TOM BETTS

I'M not sure the world is ready for high definition television, especially with the drivel that is on 85 per cent of the time.

Although that's not an official figure, may I add.

When the technology has moved on so much that what's on your screen is almost a better than reality (I swear real life doesn't look this sharp!) I somehow expected the quality of what appears on the magic box to move ever upward too.

But still, while the crystal-clear images flood into our rooms we still have to endure the likes of Snog, Marry, Avoid? and Titty Titty Bang Bang.

Take Bonekickers, the BBC's latest effort at intrigue and mystery.

It looked like a belter on the trailers, but is so bad it actually makes me want to go out and do some of those hobby things that people keep yammering on about.

Here is a show seemingly cobbled together behind the bike sheds by a bunch of sixth formers during school break.

The producers were clearly aiming at a cross between Spooks and CSI with a wee hint of Indiana Jones thrown in for good measure, yet it comes across more like Time Team meets The Bill.

It's in the middle of a six episode run and I'll bet my remote control there won't be a second.

Around 6.8 million of you joined me for the first episode, so at least I can find some solace in the fact that I'm not alone in my suffering, but a huge



TASTY: Ching-He Huang is cooking up quite a stir on BBC Two with Chinese Food Made Easy

share of that number had jumped ship by episode two.

If this is the best we have to look forward to this summer then could be time to say "balls to the credit crunch, I'm off on holiday!"

There is a new woman in my life, who I would dearly love to accompany me on what I have christened the 2008 Bonekicker Avoidance Tour.

The name of the object of my affection is Ching-He Huang, beautiful, intelligent and able to whip up a mean egg foo yong.

Wok more could a man want?

I had promised myself I'd not waste any more time watching cookery shows (a strange addiction I have), especially as none of it ever translates to my own kitchen, but one look at Ching-He and that promise bit the dust faster than you could say year of the loser.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

DOING a job all by yourself isn't realistic. Call on the help of your colleagues. Acting like you don't need anyone else will alienate you from the group. It's important to consider the needs of a business or romantic partner. Letting this person wait on you will be a welcome change of pace.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

DON'T convince you know more about a subject than you really do. It's better to hire a professional than attempt a complicated job yourself. A good friend could take you on a short trip. The two of you are opposites in many ways, which makes for good traveling companions.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

DAYDREAMING could undermine your job performance. It's important to check your work before submitting it or you could miss some embarrassing mistakes. Your star power will be especially strong, making this a great time to go on job interviews, auditions and first dates.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

FOLLOWING the rules is overrated. Allow yourself a measure of freedom when tackling a big project. You could develop some exciting techniques by just playing around. You're about to assume a more public profile at work. People respond to your warmth and generosity.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

FORCING a friend to live up to an old promise will only torment them. Relax your standards and leave your pal free to have a good time. You may have to do more than your fair share of work, but it will be strangely gratifying. It feels good to have an outlet for your restless energy.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

YOU may think you've got more money than you actually have. Review your budget carefully before buying something extravagant. Urgent messages could come pouring in this week. Check your mobile regularly or you could miss an important call. A job will involve unusual duties.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOU may not realise what a friend really needs to thrive. If this person is intent on taking a risk, don't stand in their way. If you're not in a relationship, you could meet someone special at a party or social occasion. Keep your eyes open for an offbeat philanthropist.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

PUTTING too much emphasis on material things is getting in the way of a close relationship. You can't put a price on love. Encourage somebody to take a chance. You're too adventurous to cling to security for very long. A strange living arrangement works well for you.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760



ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

BE realistic about balancing home and work. You simply don't have enough time to do justice to both. Although lots of exciting opportunities exist on the career front, your nearest and dearest need care and attention. Unless you make time for fun, it will pass you right by.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

PREOCCUPATION with your own needs could make you oblivious to those of other. Take care you don't forget an important date. Money will be more readily available than it has in the past few weeks. Someone could ask you to step in for an instructor who had to leave quite suddenly.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

TRYING to give orders to relatives will be as successful as herding a crowd of cats. It simply can't be done. Let everybody do their own thing for a change. It will save you lots of aggravation. Besides, you have better things to do with your time. You can't afford to let them down.

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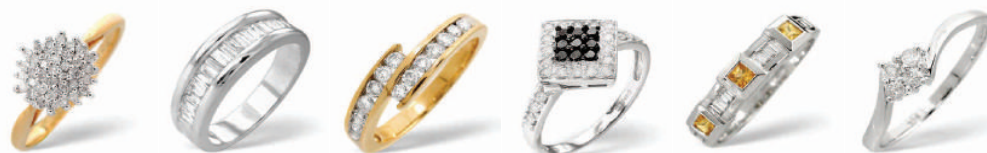


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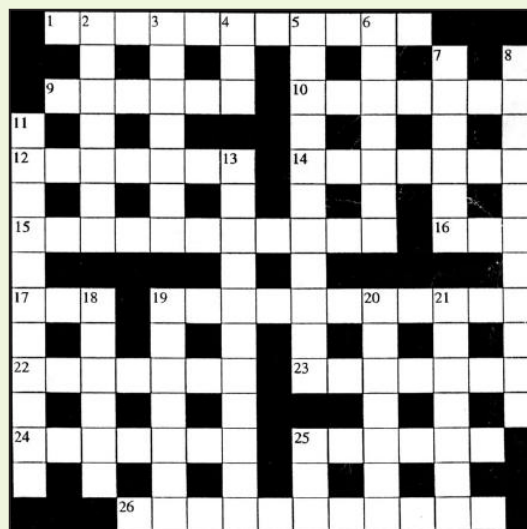
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- 10 Spoil important-sounding tent (7)
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- 14 Vainest sort who's most ingenious (7)
- 15 Haggard mineowner (4,7)
- 16 For each of the shoppers included (3)
- 17 Born to one expecting inside (3)
- 19 Pointer on hand (5-6)
- 22 Yellow jeans I'm splashing (7)
- 23 Different layers on Sunday are not shining (7)
- 24 Young child is untruthful about deliberate understatement (7)
- 25 Rude fraction? (6)
- 26 Scholarly Scotsman found in RA (11)

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- 2 Small monkey had hat dodging rain (7)
- 3 Luminous atmospheric phenomena transforming our area (7)
- 4 Man hard on a novice (3)
- 5 Next crime could include me and machine with revolving drum (6,5)
- 6 Barns ie custom-built for one from Southern Europe (7)
- 7 Put up about one French female and start to perform in the band (4,2)
- 8 Character with journalists printed reading matter (11)
- 11 Two well-directed in rhyme (4,3,4)
- 13 We will be adorned wearing stylish clothes (4-7)
- 18 Hesitates at last character being substitute (6)
- 19 I had ten before end of August in charge, that's stupid (7)
- 20 Poem 99 is heavenly (7)
- 21 Most of bomb found on a West Indian island (7)
- 25 Six thousand having vigour (3)

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ACROSS

- 1 Quarantined (2,9)
- 9 Sea-cow (6)
- 10 Japanese ornament (7)
- 12 Spectrum (7)
- 14 Imprecise (7)
- 15 Furry animal (7,4)
- 16 Longing (3)
- 17 Auto (3)
- 19 Stun (11)
- 22 Specialised in a particular subject (7)
- 23 To which (7)
- 24 Mislead (7)
- 25 Pincers (6)
- 26 Dimension (11)

DOWN

- 2 Cephalopod molluscs (7)
- 3 Entertainment industry (7)
- 4 Limb (3)
- 5 Painful inflammation in arm (6,5)
- 6 Exhaust (7)
- 7 Nauseous (6)
- 8 Objective (11)
- 11 Play only partly funny (11)
- 13 Capriciousness (11)
- 18 Discard (6)
- 19 Stealthy (7)
- 20 Metallic element (Re) (7)
- 21 Bevan, former MP (7)
- 25 Rap (anag.) (3)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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QUICK SOLUTION No46

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Sea how Nausicaa's got even better

BY DAVID NICHOLAS

A MAJOR new development has opened up in the sealife centre Nausicaa, which is one of Boulogne's most popular tourist attractions.

As well as its collection of tropical fish, recreations of exotic nautical environments, sharks, sealions and penguins, the venue also has a new exhibition on the seas called The Sea - Live which has links to oceans across the world in real time as well as details of the environment and the people who live there.

My family and I went into the large auditorium for a glimpse of how tropical seas with their abundance of plant and marine life look and the problems they are facing.

Now open and in place for the next two years the focus is on Madagascar and the Mozambique Channel.

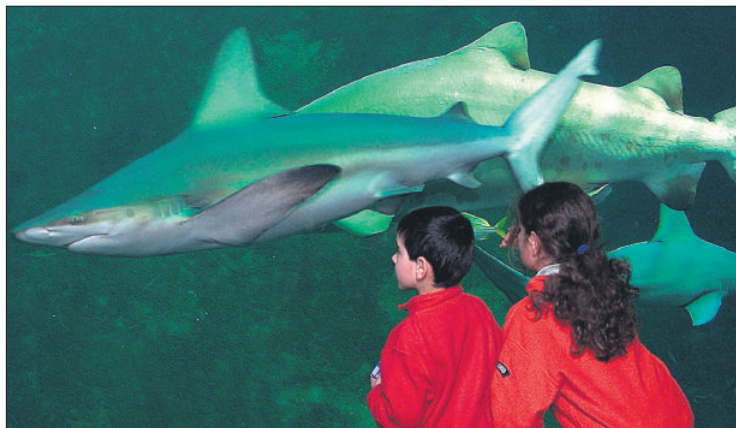
Audios and visuals give an account of the history and formation of the land and seascape.

The channel itself was formed 160 million years ago when a piece of land broke from the eastern side of Africa and formed the world's fourth largest island.

Located in the Indian Ocean, it has species quite distinct from elsewhere in the world.

The display also featured interviews with experts on the evolution of this unusual area, as well as the importance of it to the creatures which live in the sea.

Daily programmes can be modified to reflect conditions which exist in the area, bringing the imagery from this wonderful place completely



OCEAN WORLD: Sharks are among the creatures on view at Nausicaa in Boulogne - an easy, and superb, day trip

up to date. We learnt that the ecosystem in the area is particularly fragile, and the display emphasises the intriguing story of the coelacanth, thought to have been extinct since prehistoric times, but rediscovered in the last century.

An interview with a fisheries expert also explained how it is most effective to maintain the supplies and thus benefit the natural environment, as well as the fishermen and the people who live in the area.

Later, we took a simulated trip up a river estuary, and details of the land itself and its

rainforest were revealed.

Telescopes fixed to stakes in the sand enable pictures of fishing on the seabed to be transmitted and even locals' huts are included.

My family and I have always found Nausicaa a fantastic destination in its own right, but the fact that it's in France just adds to the feel that you really are on holiday - even when it's just a day trip.

Add in a classy on-site restaurant with glorious sea views, and you might just be on one of the experiences of the year.

FACT FILE: FRANCE

Time difference	UK+1hr
Capital	Paris
Language	French
Population	66.4 million
Currency	Euro (1.2 to £1 approx)

Located directly opposite the Port of Boulogne along Boulevard Sainte Beuve, Nausicaa is open daily from September 1 to June 30 from 9.30am to 6.30pm and from July 1 to August 31 from 9.30am to 7.30pm.

Entry prices are 16.50 euros and 10.80 euros for adults and children respectively.

SpeedFerries operates up to five return sailings daily between Dover and Boulogne, with a crossing time of 50 minutes. One-way fares for a car and up to five passengers start from £27. Day returns from £25 for car and passengers.

P&O and SeaFrance sail between Dover and Calais (about 20 minutes from Boulogne), and Norfolk Line sails between Dover and Dunkerque (about 40 minutes from Boulogne).

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PROPERTY NEWS

Mortgage deals better with Abbey

A NEW revised fixed rate mortgage deal has been launched by the Abbey.

Those looking to take out mortgages are able to obtain two and three year fixed rates at up to 0.15 per cent less than previously offered.

Abbey's move is the latest in a series of recent changes by leaders in the market as a response to a fall in inter-bank lending costs.

Another company to cut back on rates recently was Woolwich which decreased fixed rates in some cases by up to 0.3 per cent.

Such developments within the property industry have been viewed as a sign that the cost of mortgages is on a small down turn despite the lack of movement in interest rates.

These have been held by the Bank of England in recent moves to stabilise the property market.

Recently forecasters working for the Royal Bank of Scotland predicted that the base rate will remain at five per cent for the rest of this year, with the possibility of movement in the first quarter of next year.

Agents confident of market turnaround

THE majority of estate agents across the UK are optimistic that house prices will be rising and the market buoyant a year from now.

A survey of the industry conducted by Abbey said that 61 per cent of respondents were confident the downturn would be over in the next 12 months.

And half of those contacted said they expected the time span to be just half that.

Abbey's head of mortgages Phil Cliff said: "Estate agents and homeowners believe that despite current movements in house prices we are unlikely to experience a really prolonged fall."

Predictions such as these help to stabilise a volatile market and increase confidence for both investors and sellers.

They are helped by banks lowering mortgage rates – which has taken place in some sectors of the business in the past few weeks.

In the latest figures available in the market June saw a two per cent fall in house prices – a decrease of the 2.5 per cent recorded for May.



CLEANING UP: The devastation caused by flooding to thousands of properties in recent years could get worse with predictions of more extreme weather conditions

Flood defence agreed

Insurance and long-term strategies will help protect owners

■ BY NICK AMES

THE insurance industry and the Government have reached an agreement to ensure householders are able to obtain protection against flooding.

Both bodies have vowed to team up in a bid to protect properties at risk in a complementary way.

In recent years the county has seen serious flooding, particularly along the course of the River Medway.

Fears over global warming have also added to improved sea defences along Romney Marsh.

Other low-lying areas, such as Swale and other areas along the Thames Estuary, as well as Thanet, have also been cited as being at risk from waters.

According to insurers they will assess some

properties at risk and the Government has promised to do more to protect housing from destructive waters.

Under the new agreement, insurers will guarantee to provide protection to any property deemed to have a risk of less than one in 75 from flood.

In return, the Government has committed itself to a long-term 25-year strategy to improve flood defences across the UK.

Environment Minister Phil Woolas said: "The insurance companies very reasonably said that it is necessary to have a long-term strategy – 25 years is the figure that we are going ahead with. We are looking at coastal flooding as well as river flooding and surface water flooding to ensure that the increased

investment that we have – and we have increased investment in flood defences quite substantially in this country – is sustained in the long term."

Mr Woolas said the Environment Agency should make use of new powers to block proposed developments at risk of flood and explained insurers were ready to offer improved premiums to householders who protect their homes against the risks.

He added: "What has changed is the climate change predictions the scientists are giving us; that the extreme weather conditions are going to increase in the decades to come. That requires a long-term strategy."

"It is something we have been negotiating with the insurance industry in some detail. They, quite understandably, want to have assurances that homes are protected and we, quite understandably, want to do that in any event."

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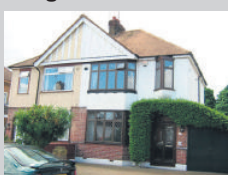
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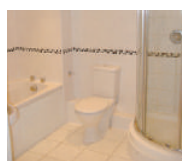
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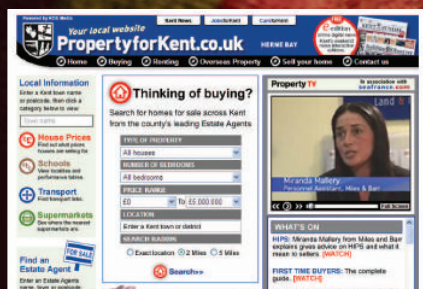
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MOTORS NEWS



Car show turned on by the power of electricity

DOORS open at the British International Motor Show in London today – the greenest show ever.

The event at the Excel centre runs until August 3 and includes 23 global debuts for new models.

But eco-friendly models like the all-electric zero-emission THINK city car (above) are also grabbing the limelight: the THINK offers a top speed of 65mph, range of 126 miles on a full charge, costs just £100 in electricity to cover 10,000 miles, needs no road tax and is 95 per cent recyclable.



Beamer is going more eco-friendly than ever

BMW's newly-revised 3-Series saloon, coupé, estate and convertible range is not only one of Britain's best-sellers in its class, but also one of the most eco.

Though you will be lucky to spot the makeover cosmetics, the line-up now boasts a greener engine range as well as 'EfficientDynamics' technology introduced previously to cut fuel waste and emissions.

Indeed, emissions are now so low on the economical 318d and top selling 320d diesel models that they almost qualify for the lowest £35/year road tax bracket.



Mitsubishi launch 'mini miser' special edition

ALREADY one of the best superminis for space, durability and value, the Mitsubishi Colt has a new Attivo special edition specifically for motorists looking to downsize from a bigger car.

It comes with sporty alloys and metallic paint plus competitive finance, but a frugal (51.4 mpg combined mode) yet pokey 74bhp 1.1-litre engine that partially justifies its 'Attivo' tag – it means 'energetic' and 'lively' in Italian.

The Attivo is priced at £7,999 for the three-door and £8,499 for the five-door.



THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS: Volkswagen has hedged its bets by launching two Tiguan: an everyday model and the harder 'Escape' intended for genuine off-roading

Slick Tiguan answering a need for greener 4x4s

ROAD TEST VW TIGUAN

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

OVERALL demand for 4x4s might be in the muck, but some are still squeaky clean.

The VW Tiguan is one that ticks most boxes for a modern-day SUV (sports utility vehicle): compact footprint, top-notch engines, excellent on-road ability and decent off-road powers too.

And VW hedged its bets by launching two Tiguan: an everyday model and the 'Escape' intended to allow owners to do just that.

It puts most other compact 'soft-roaders' in their place when the going gets tough, with a shorter front overhang – that improves the styling in my opinion – radiator and sump guards, plus a standard-fit 'off-road mode' that optimises hill descent control and other driver/mechanical aids.

But 'long nose' rather than Escape versions claim 95 per cent of Tiguan sales and usually in 2.0-litre diesel mid-range SE trim (£21,770 for 138bhp version) as tested here, though high diesel fuel prices make a strong case for the so-called 'twin charger' Tiguan, featuring a lightweight 148bhp 1.4-litre petrol engine with supercharger and turbocharger, allowing decent economy plus diesel style pulling power

and low emissions. It certainly makes the Tiguan feel nimble and knocks around £1,000 off prices for diesel equivalents.

Nevertheless, the 2.0-litre diesel is the consummate all-rounder: smooth, refined and powerful.

The Tiguan interior is typical VW, mixing robust quality, good ergonomics and stowage and fine seating. Space engineering is excellent so, despite being roughly the same size as key competitors, the car feels more spacious and has a decent boot plus lift-up tailgate and room for a spare wheel.

The car has a maximum five-star rating for occupant protection by Euro NCAP, plus four stars for child safety and two stars for pedestrian protection.

The Tiguan is also one of the best 'drives' in class. The ride is firmish, but the chassis ensures that a relatively high vehicle corners with a flat stance. With the low down pulling power of the test car's 2.0-litre diesel, the Tiguan can be pushed hard on a challenging road, aided by a precise six-speed gearbox allowing steady and quiet motorway cruising too.

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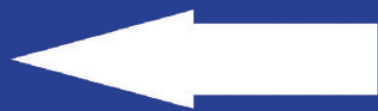
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2002	52*	Corsa Comfort	14	5	Star silver	57,500	3,995
2003	53*	Corsa Sxi CDTi	13D	3	Black sapphire	74,200	3,995
2005	05	Corsa Breeze	12	3	Silver	34,700	5,595
2007	56	New Corsa Sxi A/c	12	3	Black sapphire	21,100	7,995
2007	57	New Corsa Club A/c	12	3	Star silver	5,950	7,995
2007	07	New Corsa Club	12	3	Ultra blue	6,080	7,695
2007	07	New Corsa Club	14	5	Star silver	8,000	7,995
2007	57	New Corsa Sxi CDTi	17D	5	Star silver	8,800	10,995
2008	57	Corsa Breeze	12	5	Star silver	4,525	8,995
2008	57	New Corsa Sxi A/c	12	3	Black sapphire	7,285	8,995
SIGNUM							
2003	03*	Signum Elegance	22	5	Oyster	50,375	5,495
2003	53	Signum Elegance Auto	22	5	Star silver	36,500	5,995
2004	04	Signum Elegance Auto	22	5	Silver	34,850	6,995
2007	57	Signum CDTi Exclusiv Nav 19D	5	5	Star silver	9,950	14,995
MERIVA							
2004	04	Meriva Life E/T	16	5	Star silver	27,600	5,495
2004	04	Meriva Enjoy	16	5	Breeze blue	44,000	4,995
2007	57	Meriva VXR	16	5	Arden blue	2,680	12,495
OTHER VAUXHALL MODELS							
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ASTRA							
2003	53	Astra Elegance Estate	22	5	Star silver	42,000	4,995
2005	05	New Astra Sxi Sports hatch	16	3	Ultra blue	42,000	
2006	06	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	16	3	Black sapphire	32,200	8,995
2007	07	Astra Auto Design	18	5	Moonland	11,000	8,995
2007	57	New Astra Club Estate CDTi	13D	5	Panacotta	7,850	
2007	57	New Astra Sxi CDTi (150ps) X pack	19D	5	Moonland	5,250	
2007	57	Astra Club CDTi	17D	5	Star silver	10,680	10,295
2007	57	New Astra Club Auto	18	5	Petrol blue	5,285	9,995
2008	08	Astra Breeze Plus	16	5	Silver lightening	2050	10,495
ZAFIRA							
2003	53*	Zafira Elegance DTi	2.0	5	Black sapphire	66,350	5,995
2005	55	New Zafira Life A/c	16	5	Flame red	31,650	7,995
2006	56	Zafira Active	18	5	Black sapphire	9,350	9,250
2008	57	Zafira Breeze Plus CDTi	19D	5	Star silver	6150	12,995
VECTRA							
2004	54	Vectra Energy Estate	18	5	Black sapphire	42,850	5,995
2005	05	Vectra Sri	2.2	5	Star silver	30,550	7,295
2007	07	Vectra Design	18	5	Star silver	12,650	9,650
2007	57	Vectra Exclusiv + pack	18	5	Pomegranate red	4,675	9,995
2008	57	Vectra CDTi Exclusive Auto 19D	5	5	Ultra blue	5,350	12,995
NON VAUXHALL							
2001	Y*	Ford Focus Zetec	1.6	3	Metallic blue	39,100	3,795
2004	04*	Ford Focus Lx Est	1.6	5	Ice blue	46,850	5,695
DEMONSTRATORS							
2006	56	Movano	2.5 CDTi LWB		Silver	14,000	£11,495+VAT
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2008	08	Vivaro	2.0CDTi		Silver	Delivery	£12,995+VAT
2008	08	Vivaro	2.0CDTi		White	Delivery	£11,495+VAT
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2007	57	Astravan	17D		White	5,445	£7,995+VAT
2007	07	Astravan	19 CDTi		Moonland	25,000	£8,495+VAT
2007	57	Combo	13D CDTi		White	13,475	£6,995+VAT
2007	57	Combo	13 CDTi		White	3,400	£7,195+VAT
2007	07	Combo	13CDTi		White	6,600	£6,495+VAT
2007	07	Combo	13D Crew van		White	8700	£7,995+VAT
2005	55*	Vivaro	19D		Red	57,500	£9,495+VAT
2007	57	Vivaro	19 CDTi		White	12,100	£9,995+VAT
2007	57	Movano	2.50CDTi		White	10,300	£12,995+VAT
DUE SOON							
2005	05	Corsa Breeze	12	5	Silver lightening	25,000	5,495
2007	07	New Corsa Life	12	3	Silver lightening	11,750	6,995
2000	52*	Astra Club 8v	16	5	Classic green	59,000	2,695
2005	05	Astra Club	14	5	Star silver	28,000	6,995
2006	06	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	14	3	Silver lightening	28,000	8,995
2007	57	Astra Elite Auto	18	5	Star silver	13,700	9,995
2008	57	Astra Breeze Plus	17D	5	Star silver	12,300	11,495
2005	05	Zafira Design	16	5	Star silver	38,000	6,495
2007	07	Zafira Club	18	5	Star silver	8,800	8,995

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BY STEVE LOADER

FORGIVE a whiff of smugness at your local Skoda dealer this week when the all-new Superb model arrives.

For this smart new model says a final goodbye to an era that lingered overlong – Skoda jokes.

Mickey-taking began in the late 1980s when the Czech brand's rear-engine Estelle began to look hopelessly obsolete against modern Western models such as the VW Golf and Ford Escort.

A favourite jibe was "How do you double the value of a Skoda? Fill the tank."

Skodas were cheap, spacious and rugged and extra traction gained from pairing engine and driving wheels at the back suited poor quality roads in the old Soviet empire, but the Estelle and its optimistically named Rapid sister delivered questionable handling on modern faster roads in the UK – as I found during a wet test drive in the late 1980s.

Nevertheless, reliability and a successful rally heritage inspired loyalty amongst a small band of owners and dealers such as Adamsons at Walmer, Deal, which is now reaping the rewards of sticking with the brand for some 30 years through thick and thin.

The thin was the Estelle. Proprietor Robbie Adamson admitted: "It had its funny ways, but it cost just £2,399 and came with two-and-a-half years' warranty – quite a deal for those days."

"Skoda is so different now though, since the takeover by VW. The little Fabia is our best-seller by far and the environmentally-friendly Greenline version is creating a lot of interest, while the Octavia is a fabulous option for business users."

But he added tomorrow's unveiling of the luxurious yet still affordable new Superb would complete the brand's transformation.

Prices start from £15,490 and threaten cars like the Ford Mondeo, forthcoming Vauxhall Insignia and even the German executive marques.

Unlike the outgoing car, a stretched and 'warmed over' VW Passat, the new car is a

Feeling smug at Skoda – but no jokes please



TEAM: Adamsons has a long-established commitment to Skoda says proprietor Robbie Adamson (fourth from left)

completely new model with dual-purpose load space access via a conventional bootlid that can also become a hatchback at the touch of a button.

Mr Adamson said it could satisfy those who liked hatchbacks for their ability to cope with big loads and those who preferred the 'executive' look of a booted saloon.



EVOLVING: Rear engine Estelle (above) spawned Skoda jokes ...but the all-new Superb (below) will end them once and for all



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A2, 1.4 Sport Sdr, 03/10/2002, cd player, alloy wheels, alarm driver power steering immobiliser cruise control electric windows, silver, 58488 miles, £6499, Invicta Motors, Ramsgate, 01843 853555 (TRADE)

A3, 2.0 TDI Sport Sdr, 12/30/127, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, traction control, climate control, electric front windows, electric windows, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, front fog lamps, immobiliser, central locking, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, power steering, trip computer, child locks, quick-clear screen, dual climate zones, stereo, radio, cd player, 17" alloys, grey met, 48632 miles, £12499, AutoPlanet Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

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A4, 2.0 TFSI S Line 2dr Multitronic, g06bkg, red, 20200 miles, £19994, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 0844 5762476 (TRADE)

A4, 1.8 T S Line Saloon 4d 1781cc (2004), m04thk, climate control, abs braking system, alloys, remote locking, half leather interior, electric windows & mirrors, alarm / immobiliser, cd, power steering, front & side airbags, black metallic, 88600 miles, £10995, E-SUREDR Cars UK, Broadstairs, 0845 6447751 (TRADE)

A6, TDI SE Avant, y04y4hs, immobiliser, remote central locking, colour coded interior, full leather, centre armrest, electric seats, head restraints, height adjustable seat, folding rear seats, rear armrest, rear headrests, adjustable steering column, cruise control, power steering, stability control, abs, child locks, multiple airbags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, roof rails, electric mirrors, electric windows, climate control, cd player, radio cassette, alloy wheels, black, 68000 miles, £3990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

A6, SE, g51nrf, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, abs, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, radio, electric mirrors, 15" alloys, green, 130000 miles, £3999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

A6, Avant Quattro, v677ee, remote central locking, full leather, head restraints, rear headrests, power steering, cruise control, abs, air bag, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, roof rails, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, electric sunroof, cd player, stereo, 19" alloys, 4x4, green, 113000 miles, £4999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

TT, Quattro 1.8 2V T22SPS, dec 2001 wfs/wed, three previous keepers, power steering, remote central locking, climate control, electric windows, 6 speed gearbox, full service history, single cd player, twin & side airbags, abs brakes, esp, engine immobiliser, car alarm, on-board computer, electric/mirrors, front fog lamps, tinted glass, abs, steering column, seat height adjuster, grey leather interior, sports seats, heated seats, split rear seats, alloy wheels, brilliant black metallic, 45, 500 miles, £12,995, Hollis Motors, Dover, 01304 206710 (TRADE)

TT, 1.8 2DR, 2002, trim: leather engine time: 1800 transmission: manual no. of doors: 2, green, 14000 miles, £14995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

BENTLEY

ARNAGE, red label auto, 2001, biennium silver with black leather, 50000 miles, £44990, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

BMW

318 SE SALOON, 2002, 02 (02) bmv 318i se (face lift) 4 door saloon, 143 bhp, stunning met grey coachwork with immaculate grey trim, full service history (just serviced) manual gear box, traction control, cruise control, remote central locking, alarm, air con, power seats, ew x 4, electric & folding mirrors, twin air bags, alloy wheels, original cd hi-fi + much more, stunning condition, true luxury at an affordable price, only £7995, metallic grey, 102, 000 miles, £7695, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

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6 SERIES, 645ci coupe, 2004, mystic blue with black dakota leather, 39000 miles, £24950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

7 SERIES, 745i auto, 2002, silver met with black nascar leather, 52000 miles, £14950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

7 SERIES, 735i AUTO, 2002, oxford green metallic with beige nappa exclusive, 79000 miles, £11950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

X5, 3.0 d SPORT AUTO, dv03nj, blue, 70975 miles, £16000, Big Motoring World, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

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HR-V, 4wd 3dr 69146l, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, radio, 15" alloys, 4x4, blue, 79800 miles, £2999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

HYUNDAI

ACCENT, 1.6 CDX, 2004, green, 44000 miles, £3995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

AMICA, 1.1 Cdx, 2006, aqua tint, 14000 miles, £3995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

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ISUZU

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TROOPER, CITATION 3.5 V6 LWB, 1999 (1), 99 (1) 4x4, 5 door, stunning met green coachwork with contrasting velour trim, service history, new mot, full electric pack, remote central locking, alarm, air con, electric windows 4, electric & folding mirrors, twin air bags, 2 & 4 wheel drive, alloys, cd, tow bar and twin electric pack, + much more, never taken off road, only £4995 now only £3995, metallic green, 93000 miles, Riviera Car Sales, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

KIA

CARENS, Le 16v Crid Auto, g055vh, rear wash/wipe, roof rails, front fog lamps, remote central locking, alarm, full leather, electric windows, electric mirrors, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, air con, cd player, radio, twin air bags, abs, power steering, alloy wheels, 24400 miles, £5995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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RIO, 1.5 CRDi GS Diesel, 2005, insurance group 4 abs air con body coloured bumpers central locking drivers airbag front electric windows height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd steering wheel rake adjustment, clear silver, 30255 miles, £5495, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

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NOTE, 1.4 S 5dr, y06hze, adjustable steering column/wheel, driver airbag, folding rear seats, electric mirrors, electric windows, immobiliser, head restraints, passenger airbag, radio/cd, power assisted steering, rear headrests, remote locking, side airbags, insurance group: 4, silver, 20000 miles, £6494, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, 0844 5762476 (TRADE)

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MAZDA

323, 2.0 Sport SE [AC], 26/07/2002, cd player driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, black, 62385 miles, £3800, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

5 TSZ D 2.0 110PS DR MPV, jan 2006 g055yh, two previous keepers, power steering remote central locking, air con, electric windows, 6 speed gearbox, full service history, radio/cd player, cd, twin side airbags, alloy wheels, abs brakes, engine immobiliser, car alarm, electric/mirrors, tinted glass, rear wash/wipe, abs, steering column, seat height adjuster, sports seats, seven seats, alloy wheels, carbon grey metallic, 15,000 miles, £12,995, Hollis Motors, Dover, 01304 206710 (TRADE)

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ONE, 1.6 3dr, 30/09/2005, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, blue, 20237 miles, £9999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

ONE, 3dr, ay02 uyo, remote central locking, alarm, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, air con, cd player, radio, twin air bags, abs, power steering, cloth upholstery, black, 21900 miles, £6995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

NISSAN

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NOTE, 1.4 S 5dr, y06hze, adjustable steering column/wheel, driver airbag, folding rear seats, electric mirrors, electric windows, immobiliser, head restraints, passenger airbag, radio/cd, power assisted steering, rear headrests, remote locking, side airbags, insurance group: 4, silver, 20000 miles, £6494, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, 0844 5762476 (TRADE)

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Mid-Kent College of Higher & Further Education is one of the
largest providers of Further Education in Kent with ambitious plans
to build on its existing reputation.
At a time of unprecedented change the College is looking to recruit
professionals to help deliver excellence in the following areas:

Lecturer in Education

Salary: £29,267-£32,898 Ref: KS01

We are seeking to recruit a Lecturer in Education to undertake teaching on the courses for
Teaching Assistants and to continue the collaborative provision with Canterbury Christ Church
University (CCCU). The successful candidate will have a degree in a relevant subject area
and have or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Closing date: Friday, 8 August 2008
Interview: Wednesday, 27 August 2008

Programme Area Leader in Plumbing

Salary: £29,267-£32,898 Ref: KS02

The successful candidate will provide support to the Head of School and deliver and develop
the management and teaching of Plumbing, Heating and Gas Programmes. The ideal
candidate will be able to demonstrate practical experience of the Building Services Industry
and be educated to Level 3. The candidate will have or be willing to work towards a
recognised teaching qualification and Advanced Craft Certificate.

College Information Services Manager

Salary: Circa £47,000 Ref: KS03

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making, monitoring and external reporting. The successful candidate will be able to
demonstrate excellent knowledge of Excel, Access and data manipulation skills. Applicants
will hold a degree or professional qualification in a relevant area i.e. business, management
or computing.

Closing date: Friday, 8 August 2008
Interviews: TBC

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advice and guidance.

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Network Manager

Starting salary £35,370, with progression through contribution related pay to £40,705 per annum
Tunbridge Wells, across Broadwater Children's Centre and St Paul's Children's Centre

In the context of promoting the Government's Early Years Agenda, Every Child Matters and The Children's Plan, Ashford local Children's Services Partnership offers an exciting opportunity across Ashford for a range of skilled, creative and committed people to join in the development of Children's Centres and Programmes to provide a comprehensive range of services for children under 5 and their families. Children's Centres bring together a range of services for children under 5 and their families in a friendly environment. Children's Centres are being developed across Kent as part of the Government's commitment to provide the best start in life for every child, support for parents, good quality childcare and safer, stronger communities.

This post will involve managing teams of staff developing a range of projects and services, which will implement the principles and core offer to be delivered within the Children's Centre. You will need to work alongside staff from a range of backgrounds and professions and lead effective multi-agency working. Experience of working within local communities is vital, as local children and families are key partners in the development of their Children's Centre.

You will have a degree or equivalent professional qualification in health, social work, education, community work or a similar field. Experience of working with children, families and communities as well as project management is essential. Team management and good interpersonal and communication skills is also a must for this exciting role. Owing to the sensitive nature of the work, an ability to remain confidential at all times is essential. **Ref: CFE/08/0321.**

Closing date: Midday, 30th July 2008.

Kent Safe Schools is widely recognised as a successful countywide organisation, highly skilled in developing peer-led approaches to tackling social issues and improving outcomes for children and young people across Kent.

Kent Restorative Justice Co-ordinator

Starting salary £29,920, with progression through contribution related pay to £35,370 per annum
Fixed term until 31st March 2010 and is dependent on continued funding Countywide - base negotiable

We are currently seeking an individual with the skills necessary to lead on the successful implementation of the Restorative Practice schools accreditation scheme. To achieve this it will be necessary to forge excellent working relationships with headteachers and other key partners to develop effective training, guidance, resources and support for schools and the wider community.

The ability to work collaboratively to influence change within the school and wider environment is essential, as is an extensive knowledge and experience of Restorative Practices.

You will have a professional qualification in a relevant field and experience or further professional development relating to Restorative Approaches. This will include an understanding of relevant legislation, guidance, key issues and models/approaches for implementing Restorative Practices within schools and settings. Excellent communication skills and the ability to collate, analyse and interpret data, in order to improve service delivery and outcomes, is essential. **Ref: CFE/08/0331**

Closing date: Midday, 12th August 2008.

Kent Safe Schools Project Officer

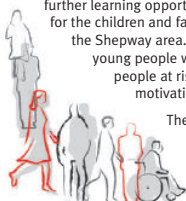
Starting salary £22,825, with progression through contribution related pay to £26,159 pro rata
30 hours per week - initially funded for 12 months from appointment - Secondment will be considered
Shepway, Folkestone

We are seeking an experienced, dedicated person to take forward this new and exciting role within the educational environment.

The role will be based within the Causeway Team in Folkestone and will involve working with primary school aged children to establish and support Kent Safe Schools and Causeway projects in schools and the wider community. The aim of the project is to reduce exclusions, improve access to further learning opportunities and provide alternative and positive solutions for the children and families that are supported by the Causeway team within the Shepway area. You will work with agencies, schools, parents and young people with the intention of improving outcomes for young people at risk of disaffection and/or exclusion through mentoring, motivational activities and support to parents and schools.

The post will be employed by Kent Safe Schools but will have access to all relevant organisations and agencies.
Ref: CFE/08/0332

Closing date: Midday, 12th August 2008.



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Anti-Bullying Case Worker

Starting salary £22,825, with progression through contribution related pay to £26,159 per annum
Term-time only, initially funded for 12 months

Working closely with parents/carers, other professionals and schools where open dialogue has become difficult with a view to resolving bullying issues, you will offer support to young people to reduce incidents of bullying which will involve working one-to-one and/or in small groups. The work will also involve going into the schools to participate in reintegration, follow-up and preventative activities.

You will be full of ideas and enjoy using your initiative, joining our dedicated and highly effective staff team.

To succeed, you will work together with a wide range of agencies and service providers to ensure the needs of the parents and young people are met. So if you have the experience and commitment to working with young people we would love to hear from you. **Ref: CFE/08/0330**

Closing date: Midday, 12th August 2008.

Invicta House, Maidstone

Consumer Direct Advisors

Starting salary £15,826, with progression through contribution related pay to £16,627 per annum

The service, hosted by Kent County Council and funded by the Office of Fair Trading, is delivered from our state-of-the-art Contact Centre in central Maidstone.

Offering consumers across the South East of England telephone-based advice on their rights and guidance on resolving consumer problems, you will be liaising with Trading Standards professionals and other agencies such as the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Your professional telephone manner and excellent written and verbal communication skills will be matched by an ability to analyse the circumstances around the complaint and offer the appropriate course of action to the consumer in an accurate and easily understandable manner.

The busy nature of this service requires you to balance the need to provide appropriate advice whilst maintaining an awareness of call handling targets.

You'll be PC literate and combine proven competence in a customer-focused role with a positive attitude and excellent team-working skills. Although some kind of legal experience would be helpful, you will be provided with in-depth training.

Working hours are subject to a shift pattern that will include some weekend work. **Ref: CMY/08/0176**

Contact Centre Agents

Starting salary £13,959 (+ 5% shift allowance), with progression through contribution related pay to £15,826 per annum

To support our continued success we are looking for people with a positive, flexible attitude and excellent communication skills to join the friendly team in our state-of-the-art Contact Centre.

Everything we do is about providing the most customer-focused, individually tailored service we can. The diversity of the calls we receive means that each call is unique and, therefore, requires a unique response.

If you'd like to start using your customer service skills in a role that challenges you and really makes a difference, we'd like to hear from you!

Dealing with calls from the public, you'll provide advice, interpret queries and re-route calls appropriately.

Your professional telephone manner and excellent written and verbal communication skills will be matched by a real service ethic and an ability to deal with a challenging variety of calls.

You'll be handling everything from registering a birth or a death to enrolling a caller on an Adult Education class or directing calls from some of the more vulnerable people living in Kent. Together with demonstrated competence in a customer-focused role and a positive attitude and excellent team-working skills, you'll also need to be PC literate.

In return for your skills, you'll benefit from a competitive starting salary, excellent development opportunities and a role that will continue to challenge you.

To find out more about Contact Kent, attend our Open Evening at Invicta House from 5pm - 7pm on Tuesday 29th July. To confirm your attendance or for further details, call Pat Croucher on 01622 221406, 9am - 5pm, Monday - Friday.

Working hours for these roles are subject to a rotating shift pattern which will include some weekend and bank holiday work. Ref: CMY/08/0177

Closing date: Midday, 13th August 2008.

These posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

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www.young-enterprise.org.uk

Successful applicants will be required to undergo a CRB check



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Part time Lecturer, Animal Management £21,762 to £29,337 p.a. (pro rata)

We are looking to recruit a highly motivated Animal Management Lecturer to join our existing vibrant and enthusiastic team. As a Lecturer you will be required to tutor, teach and give practical instruction in animal management to a range of students on Further & Higher Education courses.

The successful candidate will need practical experience in an animal care industry plus teaching experience in a practical and/or classroom setting. A keen interest in a wide range of animal related subjects is essential, as is a qualification in an animal related subject (Degree, Vet Nursing, etc).

In addition to the minimum requirements detailed above, candidates will also need a teaching qualification or the willingness to work towards one, excellent communication and IT skills and the ability to work well as part of a team. Qualifications A1/A2 (or D32 and D33) would also be an advantage.

This post is part-time, 13 hours per week, working Wednesday & Thursday mornings and all day Friday.

As well as contributory pension scheme, sponsorship for further vocational & teacher training and free car parking, this post also attracts 7 weeks holiday each year (excluding Bank Holidays).

If you would like to apply please forward your CV with a covering letter to the Human Resources Department, Hadlow College, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 0AL or e-mail 'jobs@hadlow.ac.uk'.

The closing date for applications is Monday, 28th July 2008.

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Lecturer, Horticulture £21,762 to £29,337 per annum

Due to the continued expansion in this curriculum area we are looking to recruit a motivated and enthusiastic Lecturer who will be required to teach and give practical instruction to part-time students across a wide range of Further Education courses including the RHS curriculum. The successful candidate will need to have a Level 3 qualification at the minimum, and practical experience in the horticulture industry.

In addition to the requirements detailed above, candidates will ideally have teaching experience in a practical and/or classroom setting together with a teaching qualification or the willingness to work towards one. Applicants will also need to be flexible, as the hours will include teaching some evening classes and traveling to our satellite centres.

Sessional Lecturer, Arboriculture £18.00 per hour

(Part-time, working 2.5 hours per week, term-time only)

We are also looking for a highly motivated industry professional to teach a Level 2 ABC Certificate in Arboriculture one evening per week.

Applicants will need to have a relevant Level 3 qualification, have had experience of working within an Arboriculture role and ideally will have relevant teaching/instruction experience.

Candidates for both roles will also need to be adaptable, resourceful and resilient, have excellent communication and IT skills and the ability to work well as part of a team.

If you would like to apply for either of the above roles, please send your CV to the Human Resources Department, Hadlow College, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 0AL or e-mail us at 'jobs@hadlow.ac.uk'.

The closing date is 25th July 2008.

Interviews will be held on 1st August 2008.

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Operating in the drug & alcohol and mental health sectors, KCA (UK) provides a wide range of high quality and innovative specialist services for adults and young people.



REF: 483 CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKER (YOS) DOVER, FOLKESTONE & ASHFORD 37 hours per week SCP 26 - 31 £21,412 - £25,320 (pay award pending) Essential Car User Allowance

KCA Young Persons' Service delivers specialist, young person-centred drug and alcohol services to those aged 10 - 17. It provides advice, information, support and prevention initiatives, ongoing casework and intensive interventions.

We have been commissioned since 2005 to provide substance misuse services to the Kent Youth Offending Service. This post will cover the Dover, Folkestone, and Ashford areas, offering assessment and ongoing casework to young offenders referred by the Young Offender Teams in those areas.

We are looking for an outgoing, self-motivated, committed person with a good knowledge of drug/alcohol issues, who can demonstrate the ability to work creatively and effectively with young offenders. Previous experience of working with young offenders is essential.

Previous applicants need not apply.

For application forms and further information, contact: KCA (UK), Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT. Telephone 01795 590635, Fax 01795 593951, Email recruitment@kca.org.uk, www.kca.org.uk.

Closing Date: 25th July 2008

Interview Date: To be arranged

KCA (UK) is committed to the principles of equality of opportunity for all and welcomes applications from people with experience of substance use or who have had previous problems with substance misuse.
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Nacro is the principal crime reduction charity in England and Wales. It works to reduce crime by delivering a range of socially inclusive crime prevention initiatives by working for a fair and effective criminal justice system and by resettling offenders.

Nacro Operations in Kent offer vocational and skills training to young people aged 14-19 years and adult learners and those who wish to improve their literacy and numeracy. Our aim is to motivate, raise self-esteem and increase self confidence through effective training and skills development to progress our learners into education, training or employment.

As our provision extends we are looking for lively, self motivated individuals who enjoy the challenge of working with people of all ages but, in particular, young people.

We have the following vacancies:

SCHOOLS PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR £21,984 (inc. Labour Market Uplift)

Our 14-16 year old programmes include Key Stage 4 Engagement Programme (50/50) and Alternative Curriculum programmes for individual schools. Our programme objectives are to develop and encourage vocational and employability skills which enable young people to re-engage and make positive life choices.

We are looking to engage a highly motivated, organised individual who has empathy with this client group. The post holder will be required to co-ordinate the activities and take responsibility for the Nacro 14-16 year old Alternative Curriculum programmes across Kent and Medway. This post will suit someone who has a background in education and who is keen to ensure that all young people receive the education appropriate to their needs.

KEY SKILLS TRAINER (Maternity Cover)

£17,658 to £19,658 per Annum (inc. Labour Market Uplift)

We work in partnership to deliver our successful Entry to Employment Programme (e2e). This programme is for young people aged 16 - 18 and requires an enthusiastic, Lively, Creative individual to join our staff team. You will be experienced in using imaginative new techniques to encourage young people to take opportunities offered to progress them into further education, training or employment. Experience in employer engagement would be desirable.

This position will be subject to an enhanced CRB check

KEY SKILLS TRAINER (Army Preparation Programme)

£17,658 to £19,658 per Annum (inc. Labour Market Uplift)

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TRAINER (Schools Programmes)

£17,658 to £19,658 (inc. Labour Market Uplift)

We hold the contract to deliver the 50/50 element of the Key Stage 4 Engagement Programme and work in partnership with schools and Local Education Authority to re-engage Key Stage 4 Learners.

You will be experienced in using imaginative new techniques to encourage young people to take up vocational and work related opportunities offered to them through the programme and have an interest in teaching a variety of subjects to young people. Experience of working with challenging behaviour would be an advantage.

This position will be subject to an enhanced CRB check.

SWITCH ON PROJECT MANAGER

£24,535 per annum

Nacro has been awarded an ESF contract to deliver a project for 14-16 year olds across Kent and Medway and Sussex. The project (called Switch On) aims to assist young people's transition into employment and training. You should have experience of managing successful ESF projects, the ability to develop provision and a track record of successful engagement with 14-16 year olds and other stakeholders. Working closely with the Area Manager for Kent and Nacro's Regional Performance team, you will also need to work with partner organisations to ensure the project is effective across the whole area. The post will be based in either Kent and Medway or the Brighton area, is dependent on ESF funding and is currently until 2010.

Please note that this position will be subject to a CRB check.



TIE PROJECT MANAGER

£24,535 per annum

Nacro has been awarded an ESF contract to deliver a personal development and employability project (called TIE) across Kent and Medway and Surrey to 14-19 years olds. The post will be based in Kent and Medway, but will require the post-holder to travel to Surrey on a regular basis. You should have experience of managing successful ESF projects, the ability to develop provision and a track record of successful engagement with 14-19 year olds and other stakeholders. Working closely with the Area Manager for Kent and Nacro's Regional Performance team, you will also need to work with partner organisations to ensure the project is effective across the whole area. The post is dependent of ESF funding and is currently until 2010.

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Please contact Hayley Arms on 01634 818305 or hayley.arms@nacro.org.uk for an application pack.

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Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:

Administration and Office Skills Level 2 or 3 Post Ref: SH/AOS
Word Processing and Office Skills Post Ref: SH/WP
Various hours available, salary range £17,816 – £25,545 pro rata per annum

Learning Support – Early Years Post Ref: SH/LSLEY
27.75 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum

Supply Signer Post Ref: SH/S
Various hours available, salary starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum

The closing date for the above posts is Monday 4th August 2008 at 12 noon.

Senior Learning Resources Officer Post Ref: S3

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £20,775 per annum

The closing date for the above post is Friday 8th August 2008 at 12 noon.

For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

Staff benefits include:

- Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme
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Lecturer in Key Skills – Hairdressing Post Ref: 01/109
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 – £25,545 pro rata per annum

Lecturer Key Skills – Catering & Hospitality Post Ref: 06/149
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 – £25,545 pro rata per annum

Lecturer Basic Skills for Construction Students Post Ref: 08/68
37 hrs per week, salary range £17,816 – £25,545 pro rata per annum

Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:

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Various hours available, salary range £17,816 – £25,545 pro rata per annum

Examinations Co-ordinator Post Ref: ECO
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,375 per annum

Finance Assistant Expenditure Post Ref: FA2
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £16,364 per annum

Signer/Learning Facilitator Post Ref: 08/104
37 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum. Temporary post to cover maternity leave until January 2009.

Teaching, Conference, Meeting Unit Assistant Post Ref: 04/172
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £16,364 per annum

Catering Assistants Post Ref: 08/105
2 posts x 37 hrs per week, 36 weeks term time. Salary £11,801 pro rata per annum

Catering Assistant Post Ref: 08/106
30 hrs per week, salary £11,801 per annum

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The closing date for the above posts is Monday 4th August 2008 at 12 noon.

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Previous customer service experience will be an advantage but is not essential as full training will be provided. Applicants must be literate and numerate and available to work approx 40 hours a week including weekends.

To apply for one of the above vacancies; please send a recent CV and covering letter, stating the position applied for, to: Helen Dallimore-Jones, Human Resources Manager, Port Lympne Wild Animal Park, Port Lympne Nr Hythe, Kent. CT21 4PD. E-mail: personnel@howletts.net

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Laboratory Technician

(18.5 hours per week)

Salary: £17,861- £22,907 Pro Rata Ref: LW08

We are seeking to appoint a Technician to support the delivery of teaching and training at the new Kent Science Resource Centre, located at the Kent Science Park in Sittingbourne. Ideally, the candidate will have experience working in a laboratory and have a NHC or Degree in a relevant science subject. With good interpersonal skills you will be able to work as part of a team supporting teaching and training activities for Industry, Schools and Colleges. For an informal discussion and further details please contact Julie Coleman on 01795 599588.

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You should have sound typing skills and confidence in using computer applications - particularly Microsoft Word, Excel and Access. The ability to input data accurately is essential. You will also be confident in communicating with a wide cross-section of staff, young people who use the service and external agencies. You need to be able to work within a busy environment, have the ability to prioritise, and work to tight deadlines. Additional duties include taking referrals, responding to telephone calls and minute taking.

For an application form please contact KCA(UK), Dan House,

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Communities Directorate Community Safety

CCTV Operator

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Business Directorate

Property Services

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Ref: H/AC

Closing date for all posts: 4 August 2008

For an application form and job description please contact:

Customer Services, Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU.

Telephone: 01474 33 70 00

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Housing and Environment Directorate Housing Services

Estate Services Coordinator

Salary: Package up to Circa £27,000

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Ref: ESC/MB

Tenant Participation Worker

Salary: Circa £17,000 - £21,000

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In accordance with the Council's resident involvement strategy you will develop and support a range of tenant participation initiatives and promote and develop effective partnerships between residents, members and staff.

You will have proven experience in tenant participation, resident involvement, community development or social housing; excellent written and verbal communication skills and an innovative approach to problem solving. You will be required to undertake data analysis therefore IT literacy is essential.

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Company Number 04307033

Notice is hereby given, in pursuance of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Gerald Edelman Business Recovery, Gateway House, Highpoint Business Village, Henwood, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8DH, on Thursday 14 August 2008, at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act, to receive a statement of the Company's affairs, to nominate one or more Insolvency Practitioners as Liquidators, and to consider the appointment of a Liquidation Committee. If a Liquidation Committee is not formed, the Meeting may be asked to consider other Resolutions, including the basis upon which the Liquidators' fee is to be remunerated, and for the approval of the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the Meetings.

Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge a form of Proxy, together with a full statement of account, at the Registered Office of the Company, c/o Gerald Edelman Business Recovery, Gateway House, Highpoint Business Village, Henwood, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8DH, not later than 12.00 noon on Wednesday 13 August 2008.

For the purposes of voting, a Secured Creditor is required, unless he surrenders his security, to lodge at the Registered Office of the Company a statement giving full particulars of his security, the date when it was given, and the value at which it is assessed.

Notice is further given that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge at, Gateway House, Highpoint Business Village, Henwood, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8DH between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

No empty promise as rates issue builds up

A CAMPAIGN against business rates for empty commercial premises being waged by the Thanet and East Kent Chamber has gone to the highest levels.

Chief executive David Foley and president Bill Moses met the area director of South East England Development Agency, Dr Susan Priest, who is responsible for Kent and Medway in Chatham.

They stressed that with the building of new shops, offices, factories and warehouses by the private sector coming to a virtual stop, some companies are even demolishing their empty buildings to avoid paying business rates.

Dr Priest will raise the issue with the Government Office of the South East.

Take a flyer to win voucher for restaurant

DINERS who nominate their favourite restaurants to OrderOnlineNow, a new free web-based takeaway food ordering and reservation service, will receive a voucher to eat at restaurants which join the on-line community.

It is being launched in Kent with a million promotional fliers being distributed. Once established here, the model will be rolled out across the country.

Customers will be able to search and choose restaurants, select food and order takeaways, home deliveries and reserve a table. It's the brainchild of Bethersden businessman Andrew Frisby.

Uni joins research team studying 'third sector'

THE University of Kent has joined forces with other institutions to develop research and analysis into groups such as charities, social enterprises and small community organisations.

Collectively known as the 'third sector', the university has forged links with the University of Birmingham's Third Sector Research Centre.

The centre receives funding from the Economic and Social Research Council, Office of the Third Sector and The Barrow Cadbury Trust. It will receive £10.25 million over the next five years.

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Investments fuel employment boom

And science park bucks trend in commercial property

■ BY TONY PATEY

MORE than 1,600 new jobs have been created in Ashford in the past year – according to an organisation given the task of managing the growth of the town.

Ashford is thought to be the fastest-growing town between London and continental Europe, with ambitious plans to create 28,000 new jobs and build 31,000 homes by 2031.

About £2.5 billion of public and private sector money is expected to be invested in the town – which with Thames Gateway is earmarked as a major growth area.

Training in highly-skilled sectors is growing. For example, Hitachi Rail Maintenance opened its train centre in October, and gives the town's school and college leavers chances to join an apprenticeship scheme.

Judith Armit, managing director of Ashford's Future, said: "This is an exciting time for the town. We can predict many others will soon find Ashford best placed to do business."

Locate in Kent, the county's investment promotion agency, assisted companies to create or retain 1,047 jobs in Ashford between April 2007 and this April.

Chief executive Paul Woakey said: "Half our successes have been in the ICT sector, with other jobs



GREEN ROOF PROPOSALS: A computer-generated image showing the new entrance planned for Kent Science Park, Sittingbourne

being created in construction and property, financial services, engineering and printing. Furthermore, 75 per cent were knowledge-based jobs indicating the town is attracting a high-quality workforce."

Major development plans have been unveiled at Kent Science Park, near Sittingbourne, involving £25m-worth of investment over the next five years and the creation of 500 new jobs – increasing the total there by a half.

Proposals, which could also

prove to be controversial, include a new arrivals centre, for which a planning application has just been lodged with Swale council.

Another proposal is the development of further technology units following the success of the recently completed first phase of new buildings.

The most significant investment is in the extension of the park by four hectares, from 22 hectares.

This is to accommodate tenants who are expanding, and new com-

panies, within 129,000 sq ft of new commercial property as the park bucks the trend in the commercial property market.

As part of these proposals the park is consulting with residents, in particular those who live on Ruins Barn Road and Broad Oak Road, hosting a public meeting, and producing a newsletter and a website which contains details of the proposals.

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What a difference a week can make

AFTER last weekend's victory, Bapchild were brought back down to earth by a strong Old Elthamians side who secured a comfortable eight-wicket win.

Bapchild were all out for 161 in the 49th over as a number of their batsmen got starts but failed to go on and build any meaningful partnerships.

Old Elthamians reached their target with the loss of just two wickets and with 11 overs to spare.

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Kent racer Jay Bridger on his chance of winning the Formula 3 Championship

McCague's side back on track in hunt for title

GORE Court got their title hunt back on track at The Grove on Saturday as they beat Sevenoaks Vine by six wickets.

Former Borden Grammar School boy Alex Edwards was the hero with the ball as his off spinners accounted for four Sevenoaks Vine wickets after claiming figures of 4-31.

Adel Hussain's hostile opening spell broke the back of the Vine innings as he finished with figures of 3-34.

Fellow opener Phil Edwards picked up two wickets, including that of top scorer Alex Rayner for 47 as the away side were skittled out for a below par 126 inside 41 overs.

CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

Kent Academy youngster Chris Piesley led from the front for the Sittingbourne side as he scored a measured 51 to help his side close out the win.

Captain Martin McCague hit 27, while Kevin Jones crafted an unbeaten 24 to see his side over the line with more than 27 overs left to spare.

Court remain in fourth in the Premier Division and are just 12 points behind leaders Beckenham.

McCague takes his side to the league leaders on Saturday for a top of the table clash.



PICTURES: CHRIS REAGAN

ALL OUT: Adel Hussain appeals successfully for a wicket at The Grove

Kent Cricket League Premier Division

Gore Court 1st XI v Sevenoaks Vine 1st XI

Sevenoaks Vine

	Runs
John Bowden lbw b A Edwards	11
Chris Hammond ct Marsh b Hussain	12
Alex Cooper st Marsh b A Edwards	22
Luke Blackaby lbw b Hussain	2
Shami Iqbal ct McCague b Hussain	12
Imaad Sayeed lbw b P Edwards	2
Alex Rayner ct Talbot b A Edwards	47
John Greenidge lbw b A Edwards	12
James Day st Marsh b Piesley	0
John Gethins ct Cooper b A Edwards	4
Christopher Rainger not out	0

Extras (1lb 2nb)	3
Total (8 wickets, 50 overs)	126

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Adel Hussain	11	4	34	3
Phil Edwards	12	2	37	2
Alex Edwards	9.5	0	31	4
Chris Piesley	8	0	24	1

Gore Court

	Runs
Martin McCague b Bowden	27
Chris Piesley ct Cooper b Gethins	51
Richard Cooper lbw b Blackaby	11
Kevin Jones not out	24
Neville Talbot ct Rayner b Bowden	5
Christian Marsh not out	7
Philip Edwards did not bat	0
Alex Hart did not bat	0
Adel Hussain did not bat	0
Adam Collins did not bat	0
Alex Edwards did not bat	0

Extras (1lb 3lb 2nb)	6
Total (4 wickets, 22.1 overs)	131

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
C Rainger	3	0	21	0
James Day	4	0	27	0
John Greenidge	2	0	16	0
John Gethins	4	1	21	1
John Bowden	6.1	0	26	2
Luke Blackaby	3	0	16	1

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT PREMIER LEAGUE

Holmesdale 1st XI v Upchurch 1st XI

UPCHURCH'S fine form came to an end at the weekend as Holmesdale earned a winning draw from their Division Three clash.

Batting first, the home side made a competitive 221 from 50 overs, thanks largely to a spirited 77 from middle order batsman Graham Purdy.

Adam Hodder claimed figures of 4-75, while Michael Hales junior continues to impress with his leg spin after taking 3-23. Hales was the star man with the bat as he held the Upchurch innings together with a mature unbeaten 55 to help his side to 157-6 as the game ended in a draw.

Holmesdale

	Runs
Stuart Brown	26
Matt Topliss	4
Michael Bryant	26
Harry Galpin	4
Graham Purdy	77
Colin Simpson	17
Mark Epps	15
Max Melbourn	10
Toby May	0
Andrew Cruttenden	23
Daniel Hinsworth	10

Extras (1lb 4lb 4w)	9
Total (all out, 50 overs)	221

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Daniel Parker	6	1	21	1
Andy Holmwood	5	0	16	0
John Sutton	7	1	27	0
Adam Hodder	15	2	75	4
Kevin Collis	9	1	44	1
Michael Hales jnr	8	1	32	3

Upchurch

	Runs
Dean Headley	45
Jim Phillips	24
Lee Taylor	13
Michael Hales jnr	55
Daniel Parker	4
Sam Bewick	0
Adam Hodder	3
Warren Little	6
John Sutton	0
Kevin Collis	0
Andy Holmwood	0

Extras (5lb 2w)	7
Total (6 wickets, 50 overs)	157

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Max Melbourn	7	1	29	0
Toby May	10	3	24	0
Mark Epps	8	1	27	3
Andrew Cruttenden	15	3	52	3
Colin Simpson	10	1	20	2

KENT CRICKET LEAGUE

DIVISION FOUR

Gravesend 1st XI v Minster 1st XI

AN EIGHTH wicket partnership of 52 between James White and Mike Rees helped Minster beat high-flying Gravesend in a low scoring game. The home side were bowled out for a paltry 137 inside 43 overs thanks to some fine bowling from South African Nathan Nichol and Martin Hammond. Nichol mopped up the tail to finish with figures of 3-40 while Hammond claimed 3-40.

Minster's batters also found it hard going and slumped to 88-8 before White and Rees came together. White finished unbeaten on 44 while Rees hit 18 not out to help steer his side to a two wicket win with just ten balls to spare.

Gravesend

	Runs
Christopher Maurice	14
James Butler	20
Simon Norvill	28
Andrew Maurice	12
Craig Maguire	7
Ian Harkins	5
Jon Jones	5
Robbi Nash	6
Sam Kelleher	0
Ryan Bradley	4
Bilal Farooq	16

Extras (2lb 9w 6b)	17
Total (all out, 42.2 overs)	137

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Nathan Nichol	10.2	1	40	3
James White	11	4	33	3
Mike Rees	11	7	16	1
Martin Hammond	10	2	40	3

Minster

	Runs
Henry Cooper	14
Mark Tucker	8
Neil Hosken	19
Andy Hosken	6
George Duggan	10
Craig O'Donoghue	3
Nathan Nichol	6
James White	44
Callum Hughes	1
Mike Rees	18
Martin Hammond	0

Extras (4lb 1lb 6nb)	11
Total (8 wickets, 47.2 overs)	138

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Andrew Maurice	15	5	21	0
Ryan Bradley	0.3	0	8	0
Christopher Maurice	3.3	1	8	2
Simon Norvill	13.2	2	54	3
Bilal Farooq	4	0	14	0
Robbi Nash	9	5	16	3
Jon Jones	2	0	14	0

KENT LEAGUE

DIVISION FOUR

BOCA 1st XI v Rodmersham 1st XI

A TERRIFIC hundred from young Marc Bond helped Rodmersham to a 126-run win over BOCA.

Bond hit 126 in a partnership worth 223 with veteran Dave Cogger (80) as BOCA's bowlers were put to the sword.

Rodmersham amassed a huge 280-3 when skipper Darren Nokes declared with nine overs to spare to allow time to bowl the hosts out.

All of Rodmersham's bowlers then got in on the act to restrict the home side to 154 all out. Dylan Emmett was the pick of the bowlers with figures of 3-24.

Rodmersham

	Runs
Liam Foster	35
Dave Cogger	80
Marc Bond	126
Lee Jackson	2
Neil Hodgkinson	3
Sandeep Rodrigo	0
Dylan Emmett	0
Michael Willis	0
Nazoomi Azhar	0
Darren Nokes	0
Jack Bayford	0

Extras (15lb 7lb 11w 1nb)	34
Total (3 wickets dec, 41 overs)	280

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Kalai Arumugam	7	0	49	1
Norman Puckerin	9	0	62	0
Joseph Lee	14	1	67	0
Nivel Walker	4	0	37	0
Julian Massiah	7	0	43	2

BOCA

	Runs
Philip Freeman	17
Joseph Lee	4
G Parris	27
Norman Puckerin	4
Martin Forte	34
Otis Newsum	14
Nivel Walker	4
Raymond Duncan	5
Nataraj Subramani	17
Julian Massiah	7
Kalai Arumugam	1

Extras (2lb 6lb 7w 5nb)	20
Total (all out)	154

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Sandeep Rodrigo	7	0	42	1
Darren Nokes	7	2	31	2
Nazoomi Azhar	10	2	26	2
Dylan Emmett	7	1	24	3
Jack Bayford	2	0	12	1
Michael Willis	0.5	0	11	1

KENT LEAGUE

DIVISION FIVE

RACS 1st XI v Macknade 1st XI

MACKNADE hung on by the skin of their teeth as RACS failed to claim the last wicket needed for victory.

The home side batted first and only four of their batsmen had to pad up during their 50 overs as they put Macknade's bowlers to the sword. Andrew Machin was severely dealt with, going for almost seven an over. Matthew Syrett top scored for the home side with 82. Only three wickets fell as RACS racked up 235-3.

In reply, Macknade's batsmen didn't find the wicket so easy going and lost wickets at regular intervals. Scott Davenport top scored for Macknade before he was bowled one short of a deserved half century.

RACS

	Runs
Robert Donnelly	51
Harry Purbrick	36
Matthew Syrett	82
Andrew Beales	42
David Clark	1
Ian Bender	0
Shane Taylor	0
Allan Jones	0
John Ardley	0
Simon Dickie	0
Luke Meadowcroft	0

Extras (5lb 10lb 3w 5nb)	23
Total (3 wickets, 50 overs)	235

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Jamie Rigden	15	2	64	1
Phil Rowcroft	15	2	43	0
Darryl Cook	10	2	45	1
Andrew Machin	10	0	69	1

Macknade

	Runs
Gareth Abbott	25
Andrew Machin	0
Scott Davenport	49
Danny Haxton	12
Steve Taylor	1
James Juniper	31
Lee-Jon Theys	7
Phil Rowcroft	6
Ian Juniper	24
Jamie Rigden	0
Darryl Cook	0

Extras (2lb 5lb 10w 1nb)	18
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs)	173

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Simon Dickie	6	0	28	0
Ian Bender	14	5	39	3
Matthew Syrett	10	1	25	1
Luke Meadowcroft	9	2	24	3
Harry Purbrick	2	0	10	0
Robert Donnelly	5	0	20	0
Allan Jones	4	0	16	2

Town show resolve despite Gills defeat

FOOTBALL

BY GLENN PEARSON

MORE THAN 1,200 supporters packed into Salters Lane last Thursday night as a full strength Gillingham side outclassed Kent League side Faversham Town.

Gills boss Mark Stimson unleashed his strongest side on Faversham and although they romped to a deserved 8-0 win, Town's management and committee wouldn't have cared a bit.

The Salters Lane bar was packed all night and supporters had to park on the club's training pitch, such was the demand to watch the Lilywhites take on the side from League Two.

Town boss Justin Luchford was upbeat despite his side's mauling, and hopes some of the supporters will return over the course of the season to watch his team.

He told yoursware: "We have to thank Mark Stimson for bringing the first team down and it has helped attract a crowd of more than 1,200.

"The bar was full, there were lots of local kids here too which is what the club is all about.

"We hope that people from Faversham who came to watch will start coming now."

The Lilywhites manager felt that despite the defeats to both Dover and Gillingham, the positives from the games has filled him with confidence ahead of the new campaign.



TOO STRONG: Chris Ether (left) and Jimmy Strouts work hard to deny Gills striker Dennis Oli a chance in front of goal

He said: "They scored eight goals and I think about five of them were outside or on the edge of the box and I don't think David Seaman in his pomp would have saved them.

"I thought we worked hard, created chances and got in behind them and no matter how many goals, we kept going and tried to play.

"I am really happy and I think there is a bright future for us."

Such is the clamour for a spot at Town, the club have 25 players looking to make this season's squad, which is to be trimmed down to 19 before the new season.

Town played Folkestone Invicta last night, for a report visit www.yoursware.co.uk.

Big spenders a worry but Abbott is hopeful

FOOTBALL

SITTINGBOURNE manager Gary Abbott admits he is powerless to stop teams with bigger budgets signing his players after Bradley Spice joined Ashford Town last week.

Spice follows Anthony Hogg, Toby Ashmore, Mitchell Sherwood and Lee Hockey to The Homelands with former Brickies boss Steve Lovell.

With utility player Ian Varley also rumoured to be interested in a move to Ashford, Abbott said it has been difficult competing against the big spenders in the division such as Ashford, Folkestone Invicta and Kingstonian.

Sittingbourne earned their first win of the pre-season campaign with a 2-1 win away at Kent League side Erith & Belvedere at the weekend.

Richard Brady hit both goals which has left the Brickies boss hopeful that his assistant manager and new signing Tom Bradbrooke's partnership up front will help fire his side towards the play-offs.

He said: "Tom has been lively in training and looks really sharp.



IN THE GOALS: Gary Abbott hopes Richard Brady (pictured) will form a partnership with Tom Bradbrooke

He is good at linking up the play and at 6ft 2ins, he is also pretty good in the air. Richard Brady will play a lot more this season and I think he will profit from playing with Tom."

Abbott hopes to sign Joe Horlock permanently after a good showing in midfield, while youngsters Colin Richmond and Ben Williams have been added to the squad after featuring in the reserves last season.

Sittingbourne were in action at home to Fisher Athletic last night. For a full report and reaction from Bourne Park, visit

Norton ready for tough season in a new league

FOOTBALL

NORTON Sports take on local rivals Faversham Town in their first fixture as a Kent League club.

Ben Taylor will take his side to Salters Lane on Saturday, August 9 looking to get their campaign under way in style.

Taylor's side were promoted to the Kent League after winning the Kent County Premier Division last season and will play their fixtures at Herne Bay's Winch's Field.

Taylor has been putting his squad through their paces and opened up with a pre-season 2-2 draw with Faversham reserves last weekend.

On Saturday they beat Kent County Division One champions Bly Spartans in Canterbury, thanks to James Brincat's strike on 30 minutes. The midfielder's attempted cross was picked up by the wind and floated in for the only goal of the game.

It was a good competitive run out for the side ahead of what is likely to be a tough season for the new side in the Kent League.

Norton's pre-season schedule continues on Thursday night



CHALLENGE AHEAD: Ben Taylor is the manager of promoted Norton Sports

with the visit of Marc Seager's Whitstable Town, which will be played at Norton's ground, with a kick-off at 6.15pm.

The last scheduled friendly ahead of the new campaign will see Sussex County League side Rye United visit Norton this Saturday.

To find out who Norton will be playing throughout the season, visit www.yoursware.co.uk for details and full fixture list.



IN FORM: Kent celebrate reaching Twenty20 finals

Tickets sell-out as Spitfire fans head to the Rose Bowl

CRICKET

THE KENT Spitfires travel to the Rose Bowl this weekend looking to make it back-to-back Twenty20 trophy wins.

Rob Key's side face the Essex Eagles in the first semi-final of the day but the winners will not only boast of a place in the afternoon's final, they will also be the first county to represent England in this summer's inaugural Champions League.

Spitfire fans have been flocking to the St Lawrence Ground this week to get their tickets for Saturday's Twenty20 finals day at Hampshire's Rose Bowl.

The demand for tickets has been so high that the club has had to get more from the Rose Bowl which will make Kent the best supported club in the final.

The club sold their allocation last week and have gone back for a further 300 tickets because the demand in the county has been so high.

Kent's commercial and operations director, Jon Fordham said the club were a little taken aback at the demand to see Key's side in the final.

He said: "It has been a novel experience which took us by surprise really because of the level of interest from supporters.

"Last year for Twenty20 finals day we had to return about 500 tickets of the 1,600 we were given.

"But we sold out our allocation by Thursday morning and we managed to get a further 300 from the Rose Bowl.

"By the looks of it we will have sold 1,800 tickets which will make Kent the best supported club out of the four finalists."

While the Twenty20 tickets have been selling like the proverbial hot cakes, so too have places for the Friends Provident Trophy final against the Essex Eagles at Lord's on August 16.

The club have already sold their 4,500 allocation and Fordham has been selling a further 1,000 he received this week.

Essex are yet to put their tickets on sale and it is expected they will be unable to sell their allocation and may have to return some. Fordham has not ruled out asking for some more for Kent, if the demand is still high.

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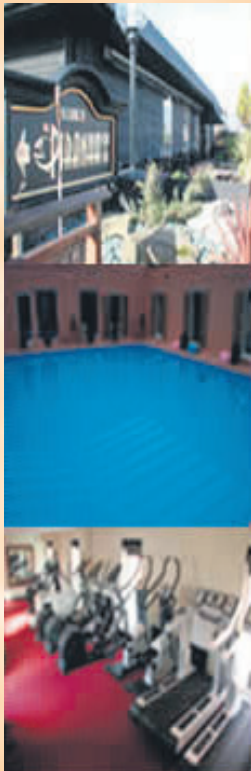
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